



Revelation 4–6

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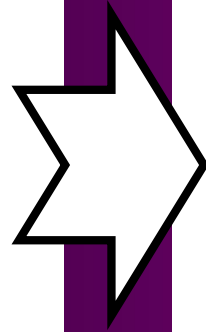
Real Rule Never Changes



III. Jesus rules over **our future**
(Rev 4–22)

**We have victory when we see that
Jesus rules over...**

**DEATH
(1)**



**CHURCHES
(2-3)**



**OUR
FUTURE
(4-22)**

Outline of Revelation

Sovereignty of Christ in Future Victory

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Worthy of All Worship



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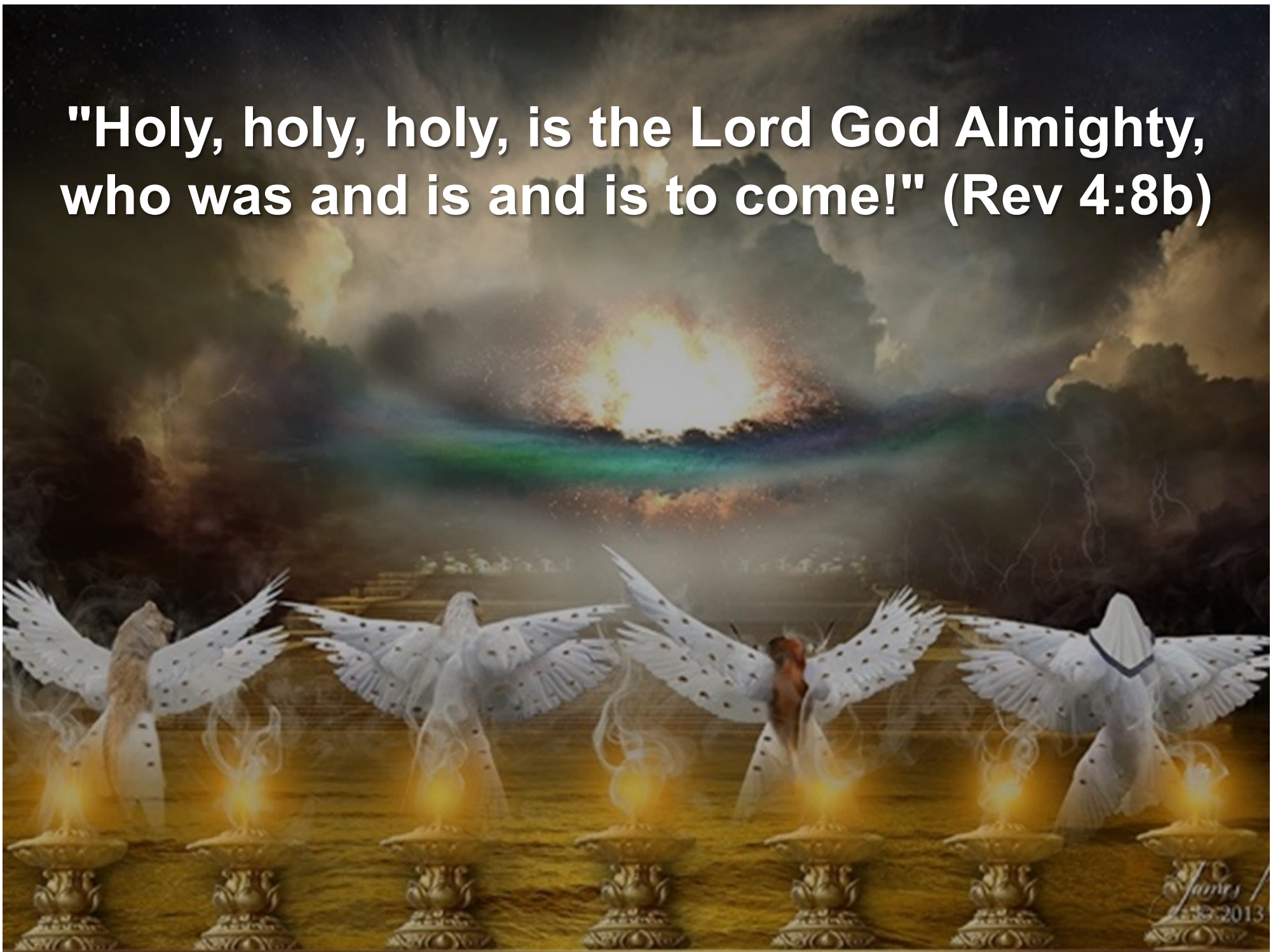
"Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this" (Rev 4:1b)



"The first of these living beings was like a lion; the second was like an ox; the third had a human face; and the fourth was like an eagle in flight" (Rev 4:7).



**"Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty,
who was and is and is to come!" (Rev 4:8b)**



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**"Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created"
(Revelation 4:11 NLT).**



I. An Invitation to Knowledge (4:1)

☞ John is given the exceedingly rare chance to get a glimpse of heaven.

☞ John is also given the exceedingly rare chance to know the future.

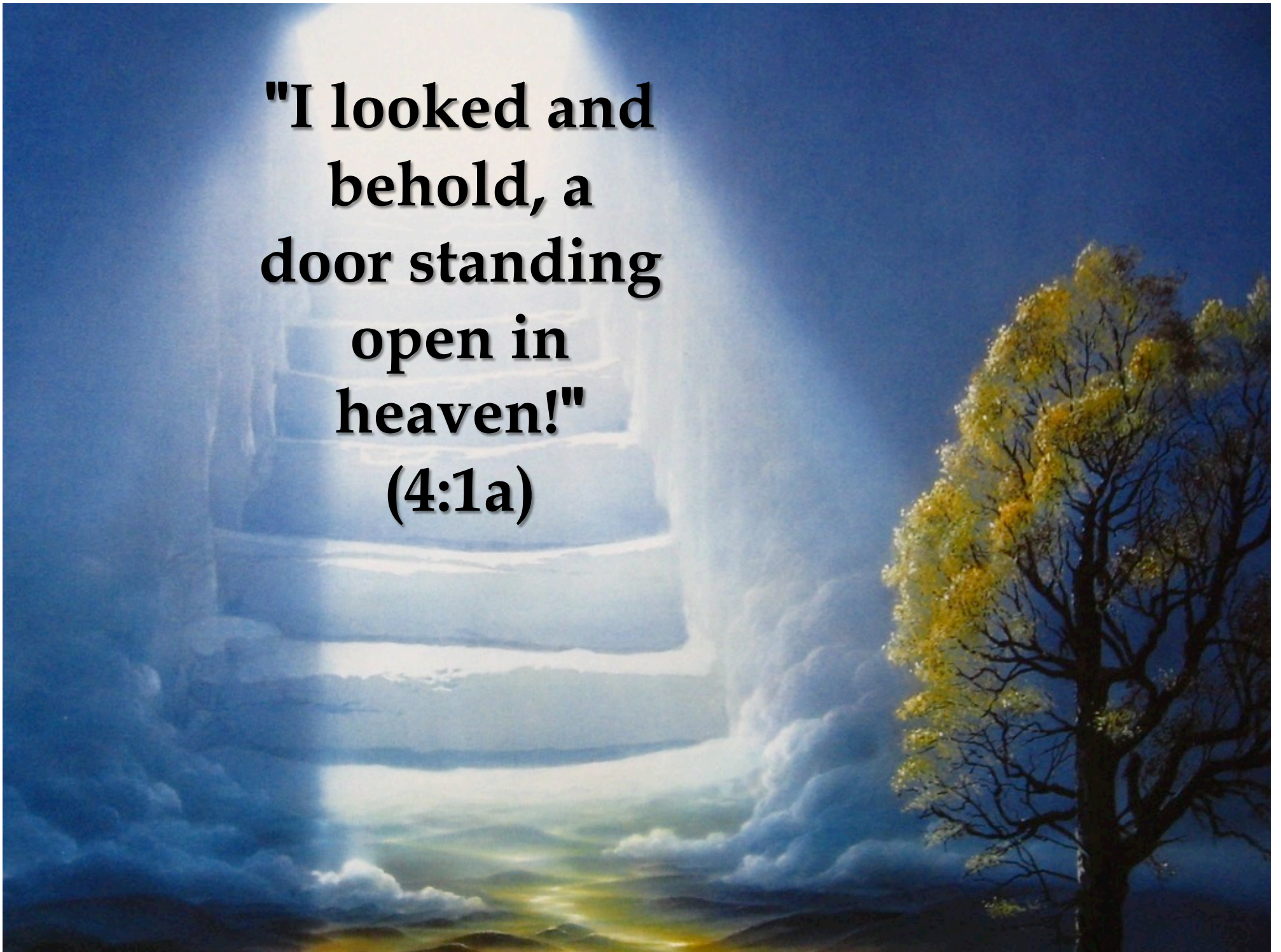



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"I saw a
door
opened"
(4:1)

**"I looked and
behold, a
door standing
open in
heaven!"
(4:1a)**



A dramatic landscape with a bright, glowing staircase leading up to a light source in a dark sky, with a tree in the foreground.

**"Come up
here, and I
will show
you what
must take
place after
this" (4:1b)**

"Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this" (4:1b)

Does this depict the Rapture of the church?



"Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this" (4:1b)

This isn't the Rapture. God was bringing John up to heaven at this point



Some Food for Thought



❧ If God gave you an invitation to know the future, what would you want Him to reveal to you?

An Invitation to Wonder (4:2-8a)

"At once I was in the Spirit"



Who are the 24 elders (4:4)?

Angelic Beings?

The 12 Tribes and the 12 Apostles?

A Symbolic Representation of all the Saints?

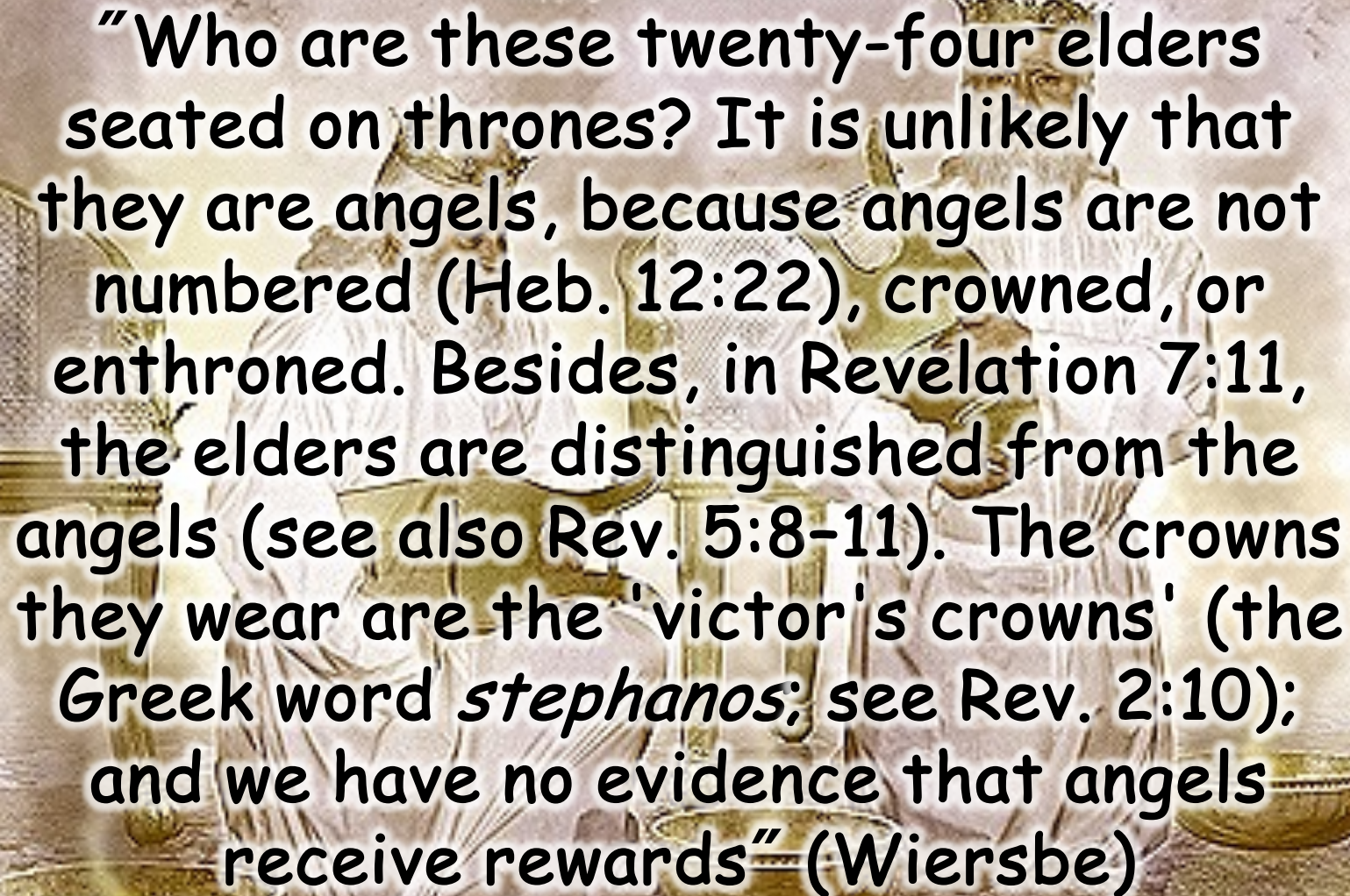
The Throne of God (4:2-3)



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"Who are these twenty-four elders seated on thrones? It is unlikely that they are angels, because angels are not numbered (Heb. 12:22), crowned, or enthroned. Besides, in Revelation 7:11, the elders are distinguished from the angels (see also Rev. 5:8-11). The crowns they wear are the 'victor's crowns' (the Greek word *stephanos*; see Rev. 2:10); and we have no evidence that angels receive rewards" (Wiersbe)



Who are the 24 elders (4:4)?

Some say 12 depict Israel (21:14)
and 12 depict the Church (21:12)



*Support that they are like angels
(instead of people):*

- i. No 12 + 12 formula in Rev 4
- ii. Why not 12 OT + 12 NT *leaders*?
- iii. Context in heavenly court
- iv. Distinct from the saints (5:9-10)
- v. Angels explain things (cf. 7:14)
- vi. Inconsistent to see 144,000 as *not* Jews (when explicitly stated) but the 24 elders *being* Israel (without evidence in the text)

Who are the 24 elders (4:4)?

The better parallel is the Aaronic Priesthood



24 Priestly Orders
(1 Chron. 24)



24 Elders
(Rev. 4:4, 10)

OT Parallels to the Heaven's Throne

Earthly temple

Heavenly sanctuary

Holy of Holies

The throne of God

Seven-branched candlestick

Seven lamps of fire before the throne

Bronze laver

Sea of glass

Cherubim over the mercy seat

Four living creatures around the throne

Priests

Elders (kings and priests)

Brazen altar

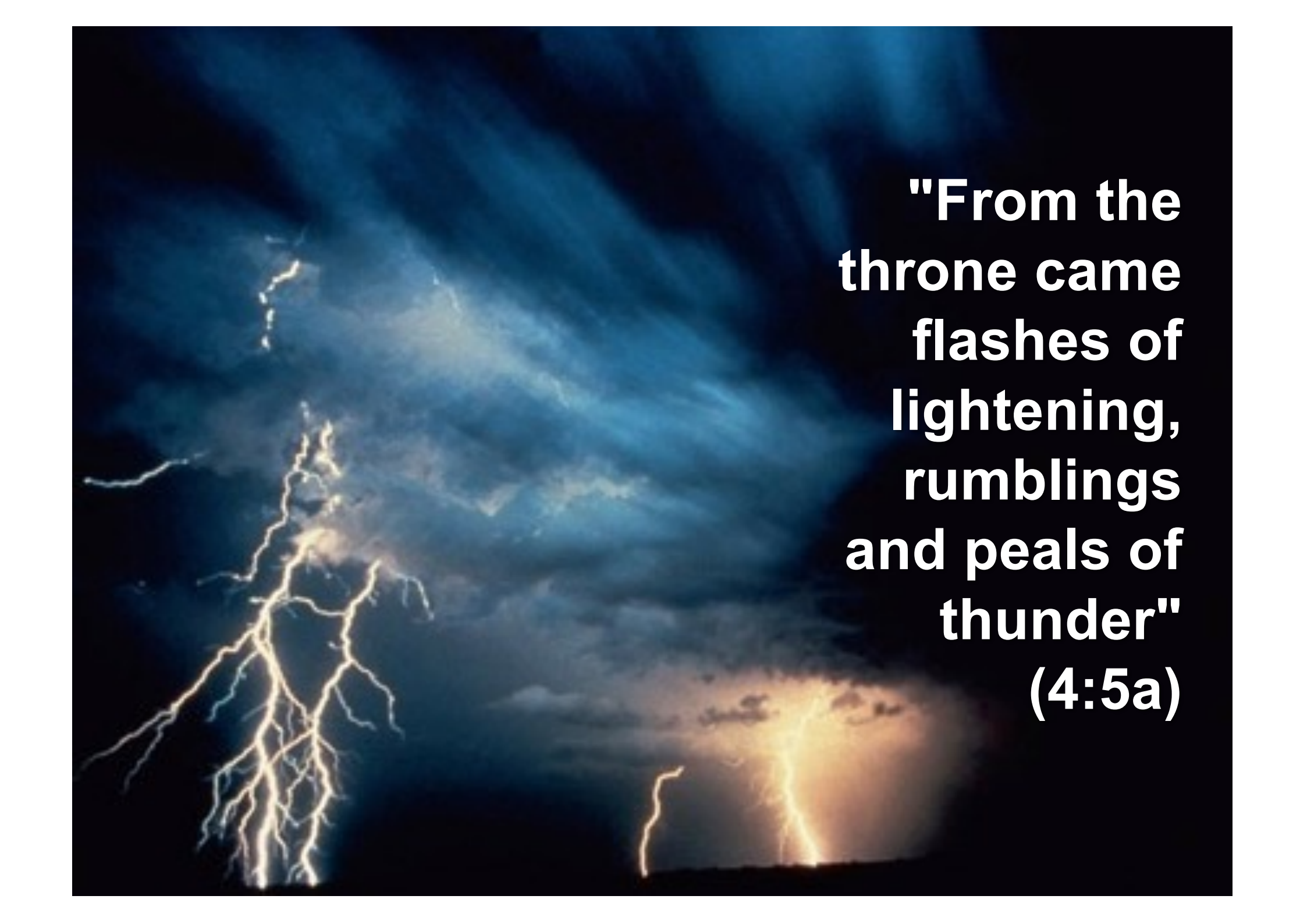
Altar (Rev. 6:9–11)

Incense altar

Incense altar (Rev. 8:3–5)

Ark of the covenant

Ark of the covenant (Rev. 11:19)



**"From the
throne came
flashes of
lightening,
rumblings
and peals of
thunder"
(4:5a)**

“In front of the throne was a shiny sea of glass, sparkling like crystal. In the center and around the throne were four living beings, each covered with eyes, front and back” (Rev 4:6 NLT).



An Invitation to Wonder (4:2-8a)



"The visions . . . were meant to stir the imagination, not yield to the drawing board."

—Robert Mounce

Some Food for Thought



- ❧ **When was the last time you took some time to really reflect upon the awesome power, majesty, and authority of God?**
- ❧ **More specifically, when was the last time you envisioned yourself standing before the wondrous throne of God?**

The Four Living Creatures (Rev. 4:6)

聖哉，聖哉，聖哉，主神。
是昔在今在以後永在的全能者。

六节 宝座前好像一个玻璃海如同水晶。宝座中，和宝座周围有四个活物，前后遍体都满了眼睛。
七节 第一个活物像狮子，第二个像牛犊，第三个脸面像人，第四个像飞鹰。
八节 四活物各有六个翅膀，遍体内外都满了眼睛。他们昼夜不住的说，





Ezekiel 1

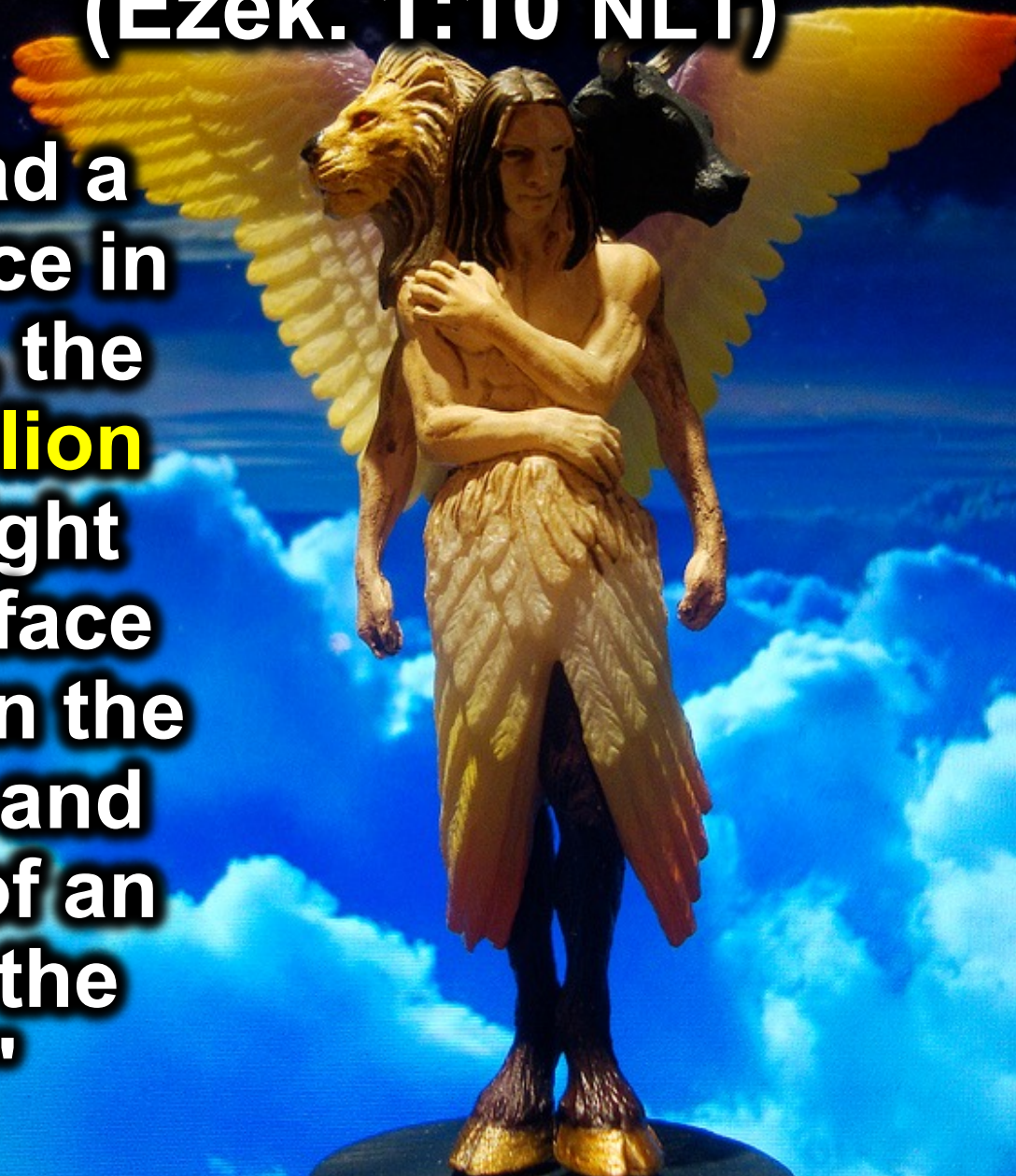
Creatures with Four Faces (Ezek. 1:10 NLT)

"Each had a **human** face in the front, the face of a **lion** on the right side, the face of an **ox** on the left side, and the face of an **eagle** at the back."



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Likenesses of the Four Living Creatures (Rev. 4:7; cf. Gen. 9:10)



"The first of these living beings was like a **lion; the second was like an **ox**; the third had a **human** face; and the fourth was like an **eagle** in flight."**

An Invitation to Worship (4:8b-11)



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"Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty,
who was and is and is to come!"



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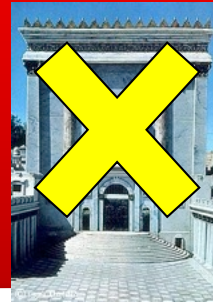
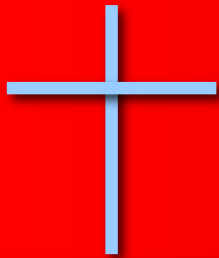
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"Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created" (Rev 4:11 NASB).

When Did John Write Revelation?

Who was the Roman Emperor then?



Christ
Crucified
AD 33

Jerusalem
Destroyed
AD 70

Revelation
Written
AD 95

Tiberius
14-37

Caligula
37-41

Claudius
41-54

Nero
54-68

Vespasian
69-79

Titus
79-81

Domitian
81-96

Most
preterists
place the
book here

Supported by:
Irenaeus
Victorinus of Pettau
Clement of Alexandria
Eusebius

A black and white photograph of a marble bust of the Roman Emperor Domitian. The bust shows a young man with curly hair, looking slightly to the right. The background is dark and textured.

Domitian (AD 81-96)

This bust of Domitian was found in his huge temple at Ephesus—consistent with his claim to divine honors

Book of Revelation (AD 95)

The elders cast their crowns (4:10)



**Holy, holy, holy!
All the saints adore Thee,
casting down their golden
crowns
around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim
falling down before Thee,
which wert, and art,
and evermore shall be.**



"Holy, Holy, Holy" takes Rev. 4 figuratively

The Lamb alone can judge (Rev. 4–5)

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<i>Earthly temple</i>	<i>Heavenly sanctuary</i>
<i>Holy of holies</i>	<i>The throne of God</i>
<i>Seven-branched candlestick</i>	<i>Seven lamps of fire before the throne</i>
<i>Bronze laver</i>	<i>Sea of glass</i>
<i>Cherubim over the mercy seat</i>	<i>Four living creatures around the throne</i>
<i>Priests</i>	<i>Elders (kings and priests)</i>
<i>Brazen altar</i>	<i>Altar (Rev. 6:9–11)</i>
<i>Incense altar</i>	<i>Incense Altar (Rev. 8:3–5)</i>
<i>Ark of the covenant</i>	<i>Ark of the covenant (Rev. 11:19)</i>

Main Idea of Revelation 4

**God, the wondrous and
sovereign Creator of all, is
worthy of all worship.**

Conclusion and Application



- ❧ What do you spend most of your time doing and thinking about and how do you spend most of your money?
- ❧ In view of this, who or what are you putting your trust and hope in to get you through the tough times of life?
- ❧ What will you do to reorient your life towards a greater trust in and worship of God?

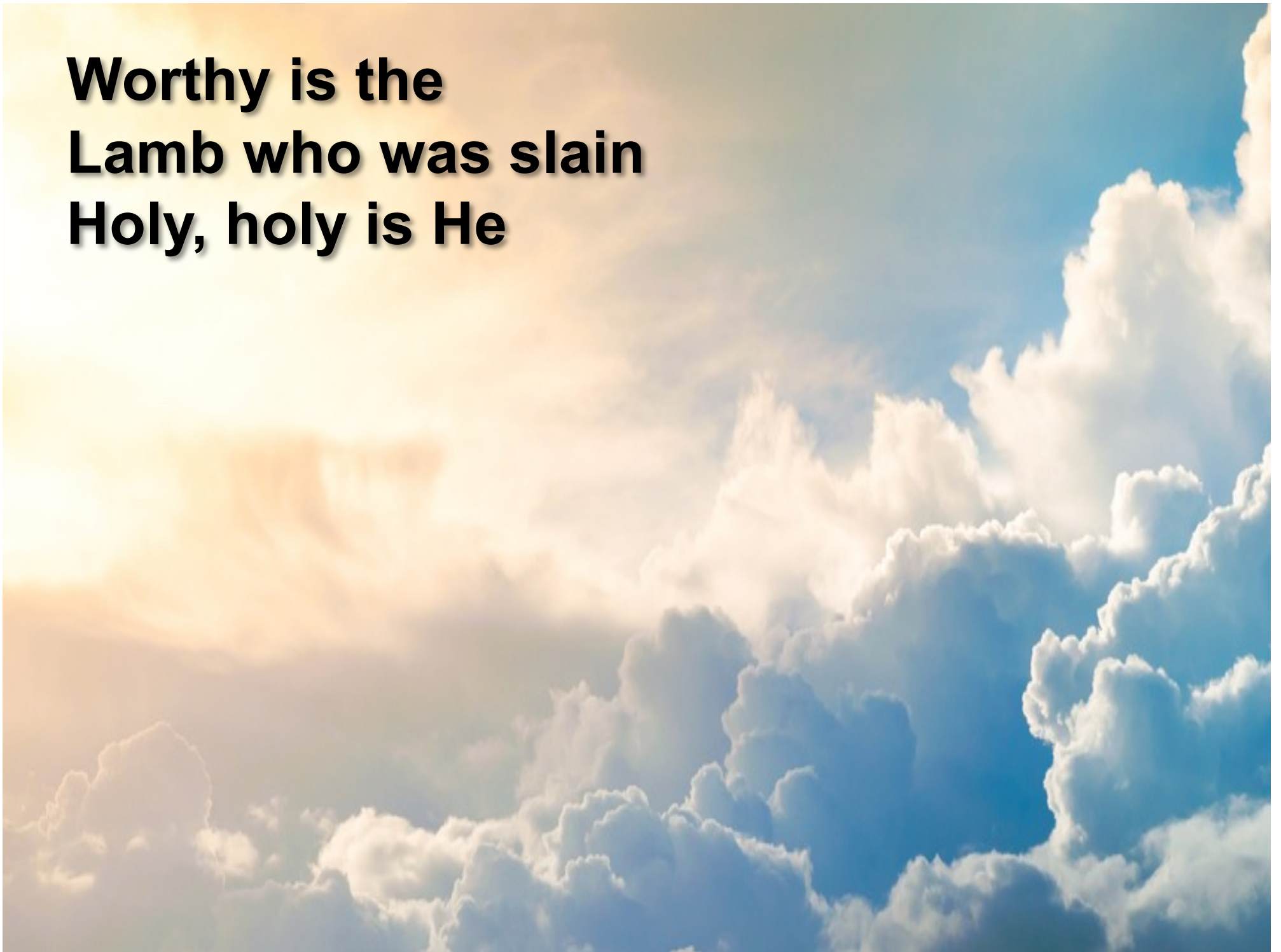


The Revelation Song

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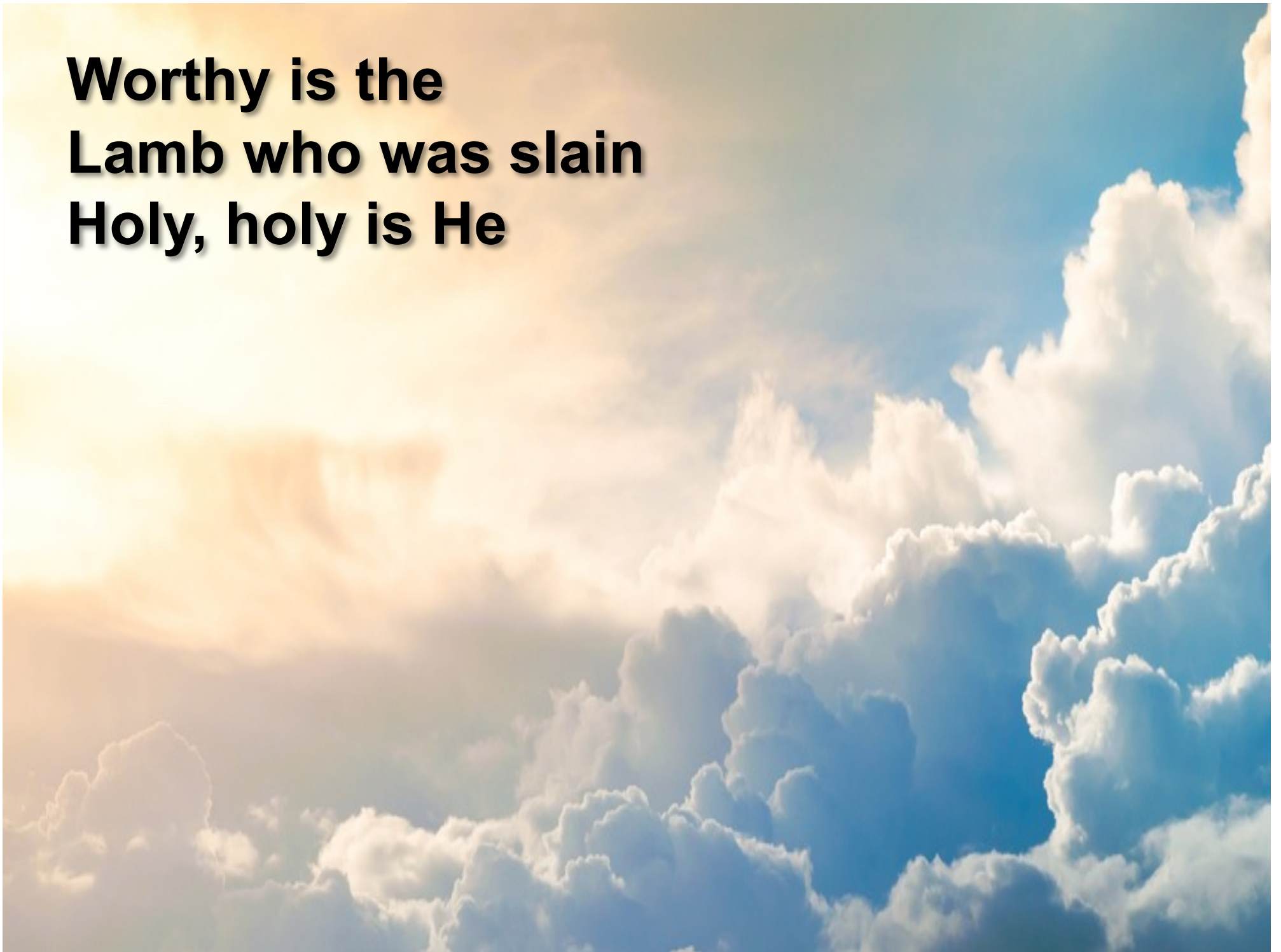
**Worthy is the
Lamb who was slain
Holy, holy is He**



**Sing a new song
to Him who sits on
Heaven's mercy seat**



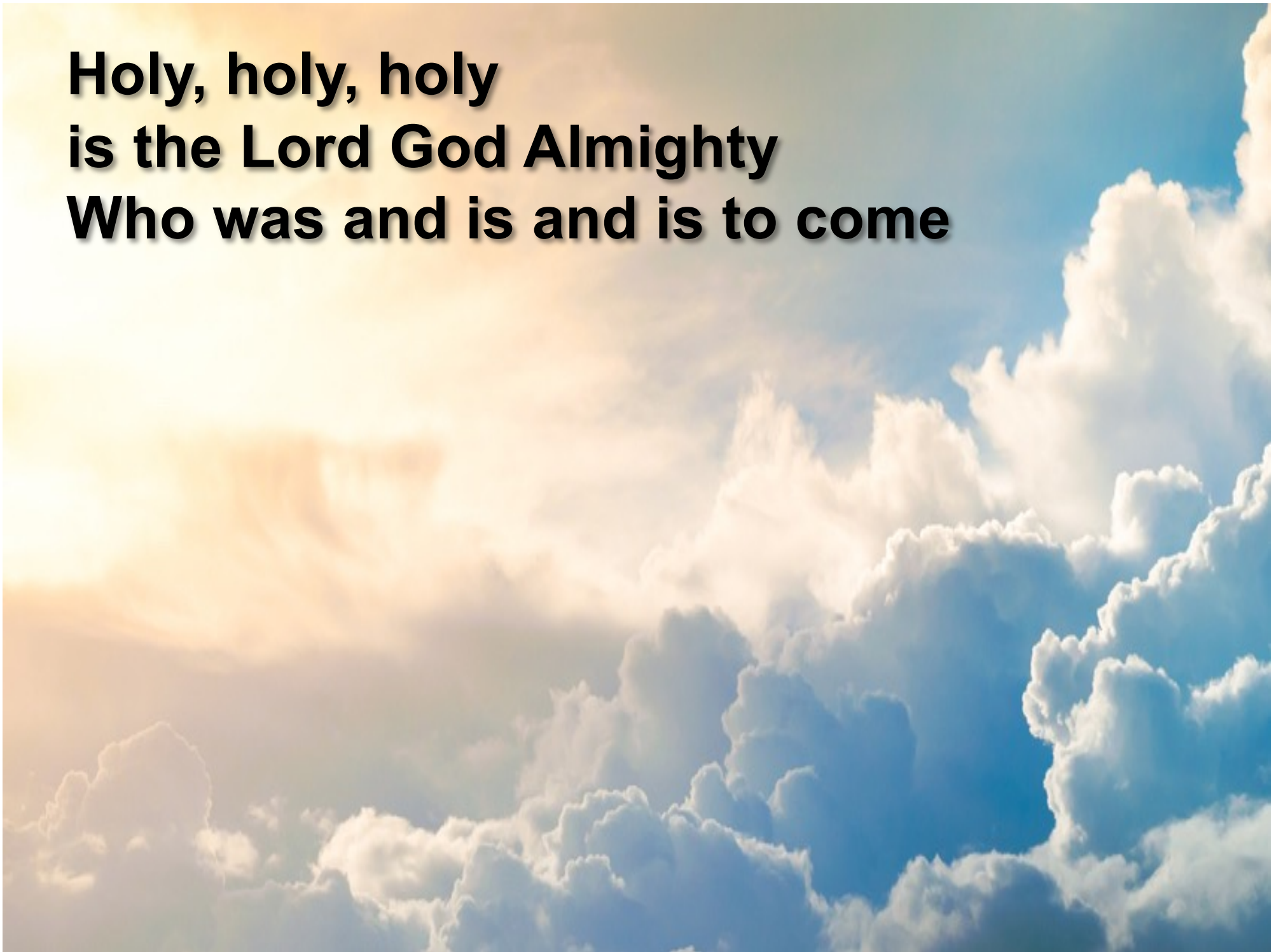
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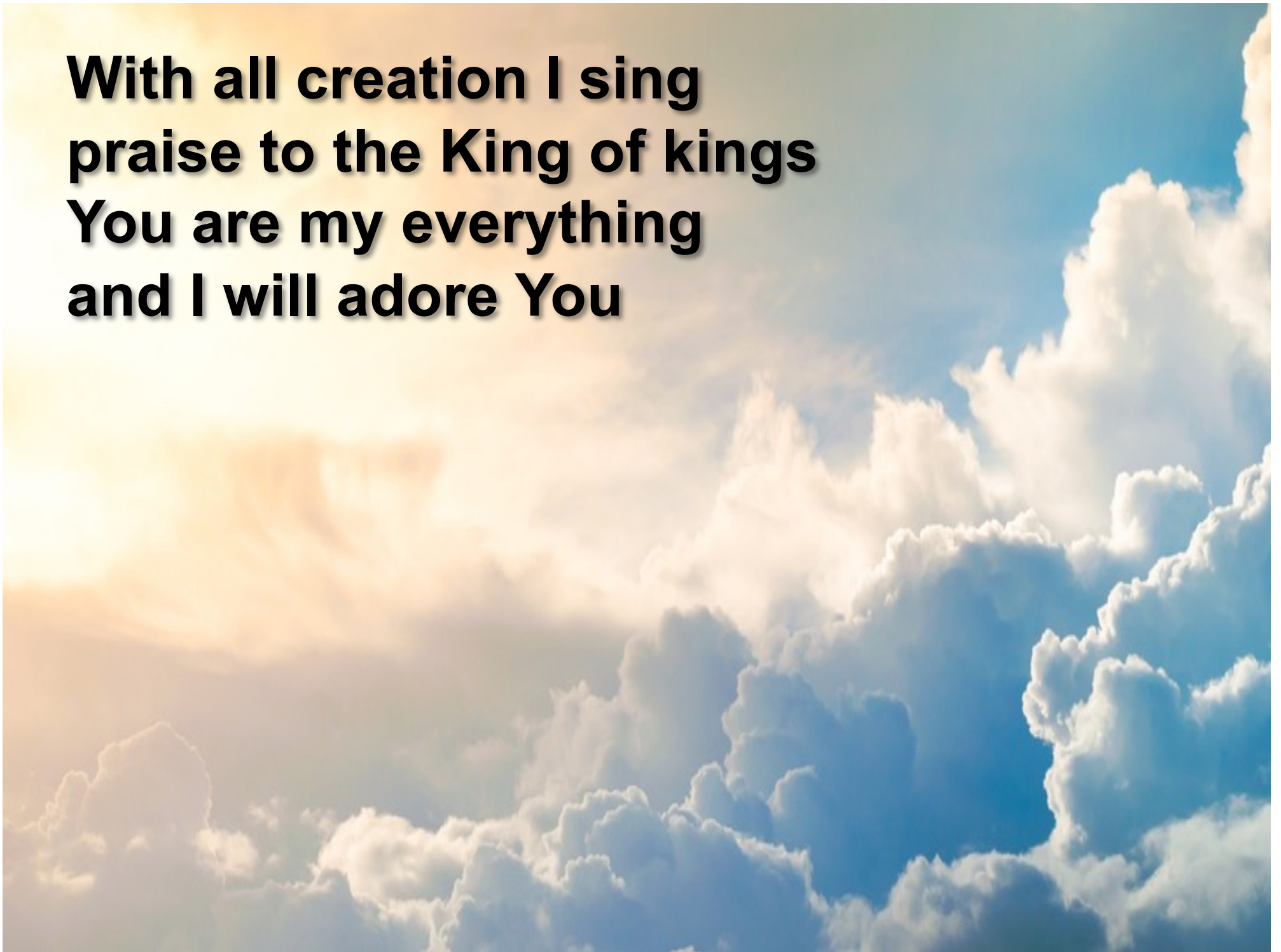
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**Holy, holy, holy
is the Lord God Almighty
Who was and is and is to come**



**With all creation I sing
praise to the King of kings
You are my everything
and I will adore You**

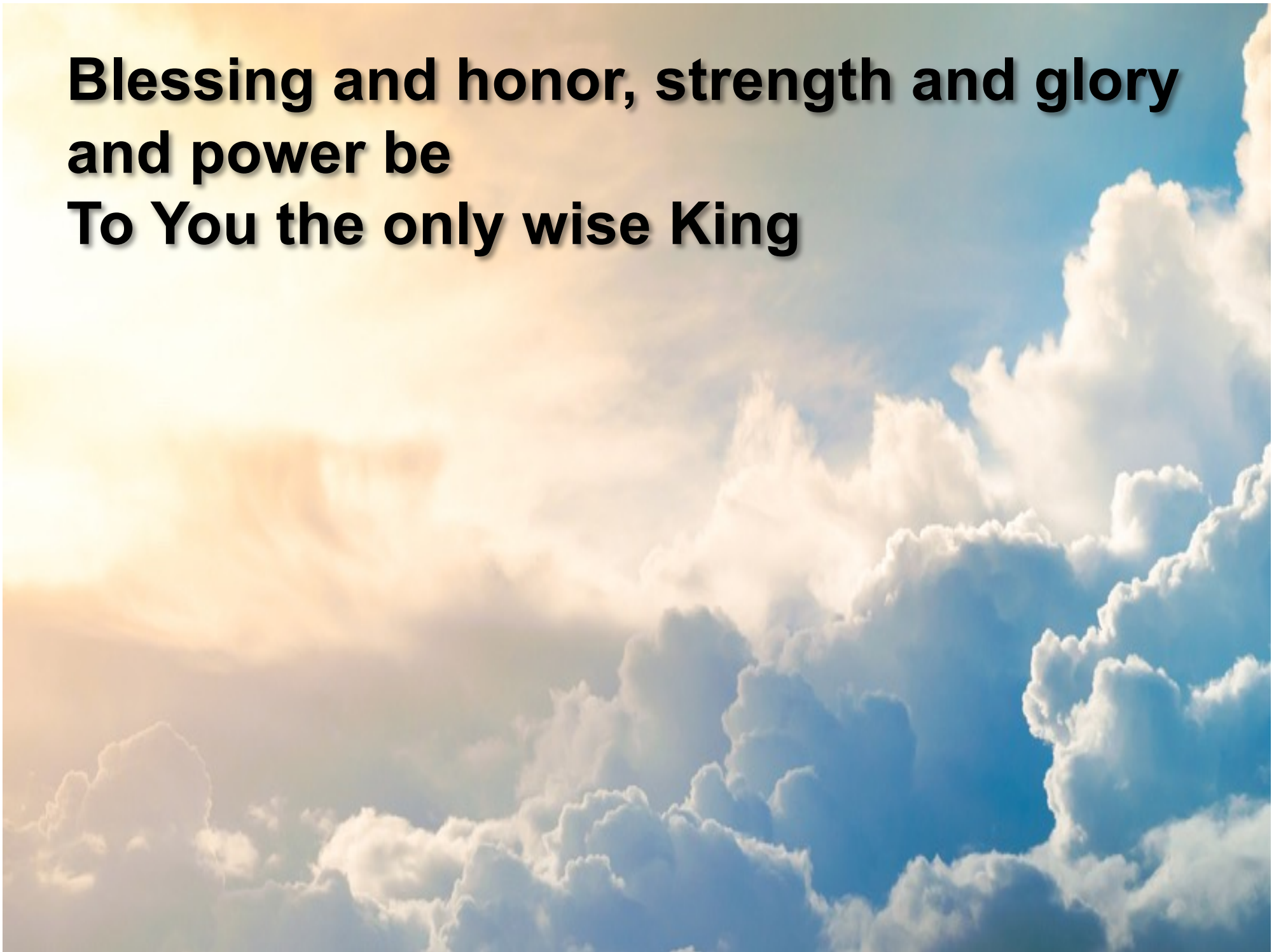




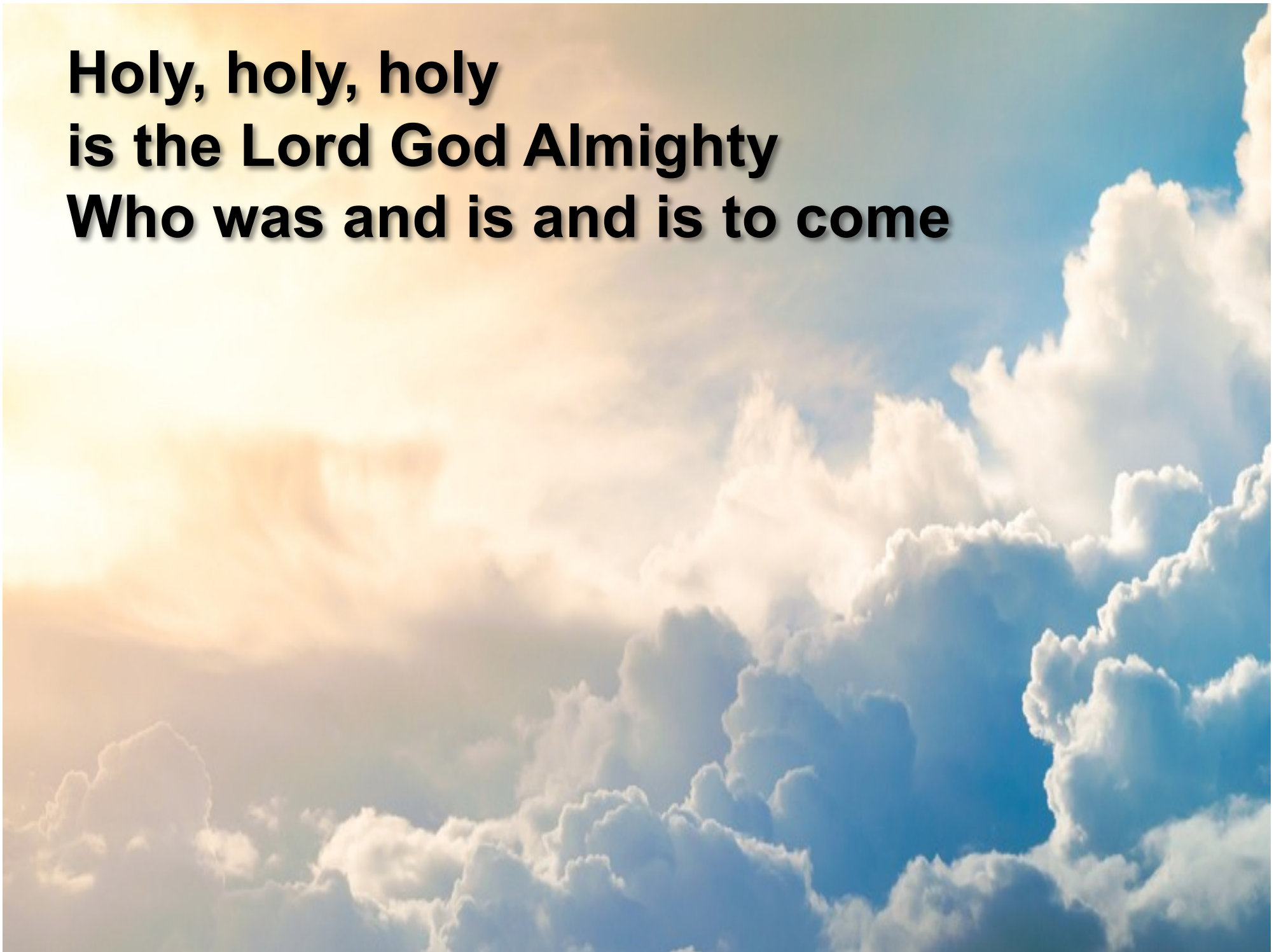
**Clothed in rainbows of living color
Flashes of lighting,
rolls of thunder**



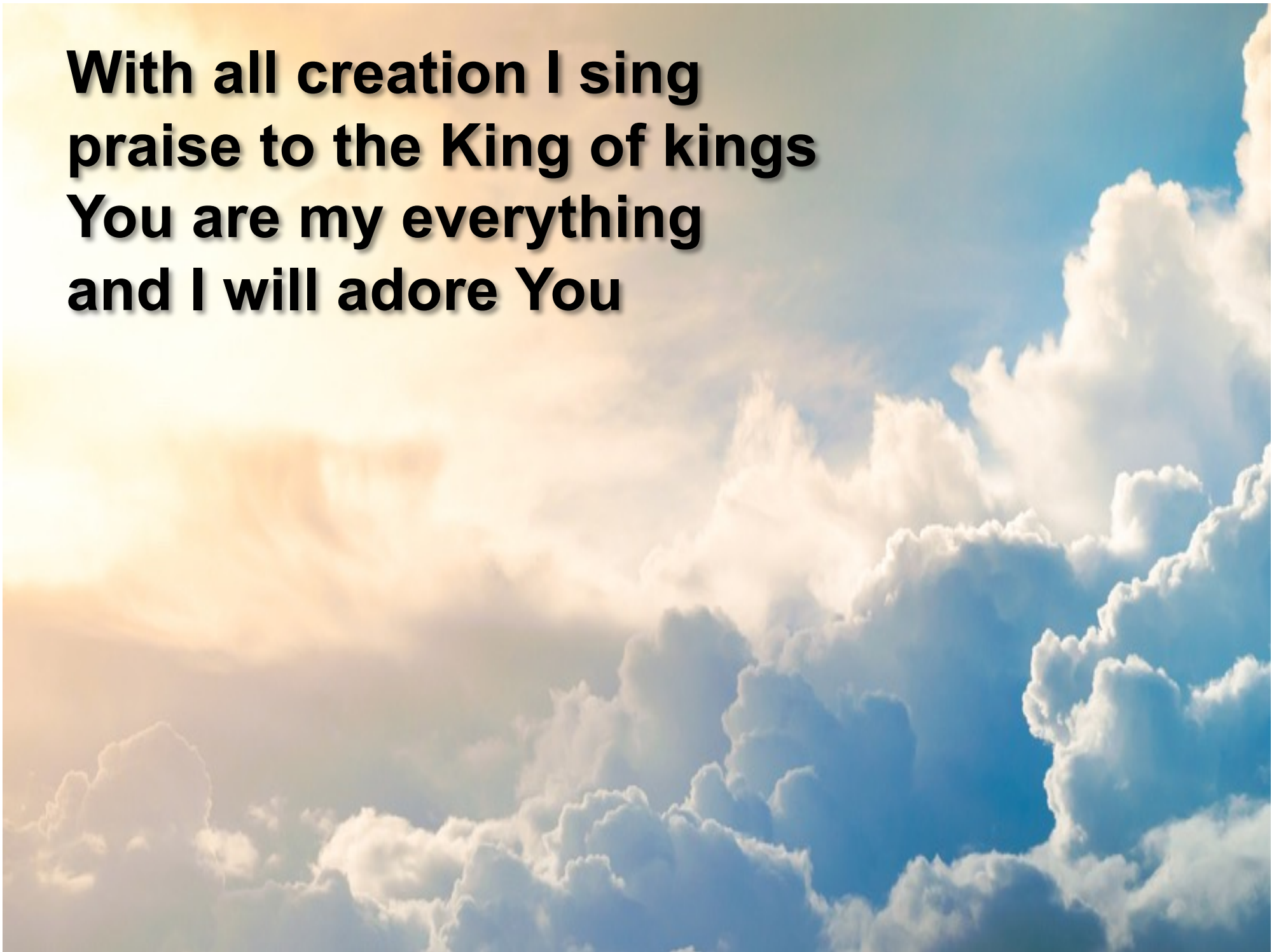
**Blessing and honor, strength and glory
and power be
To You the only wise King**



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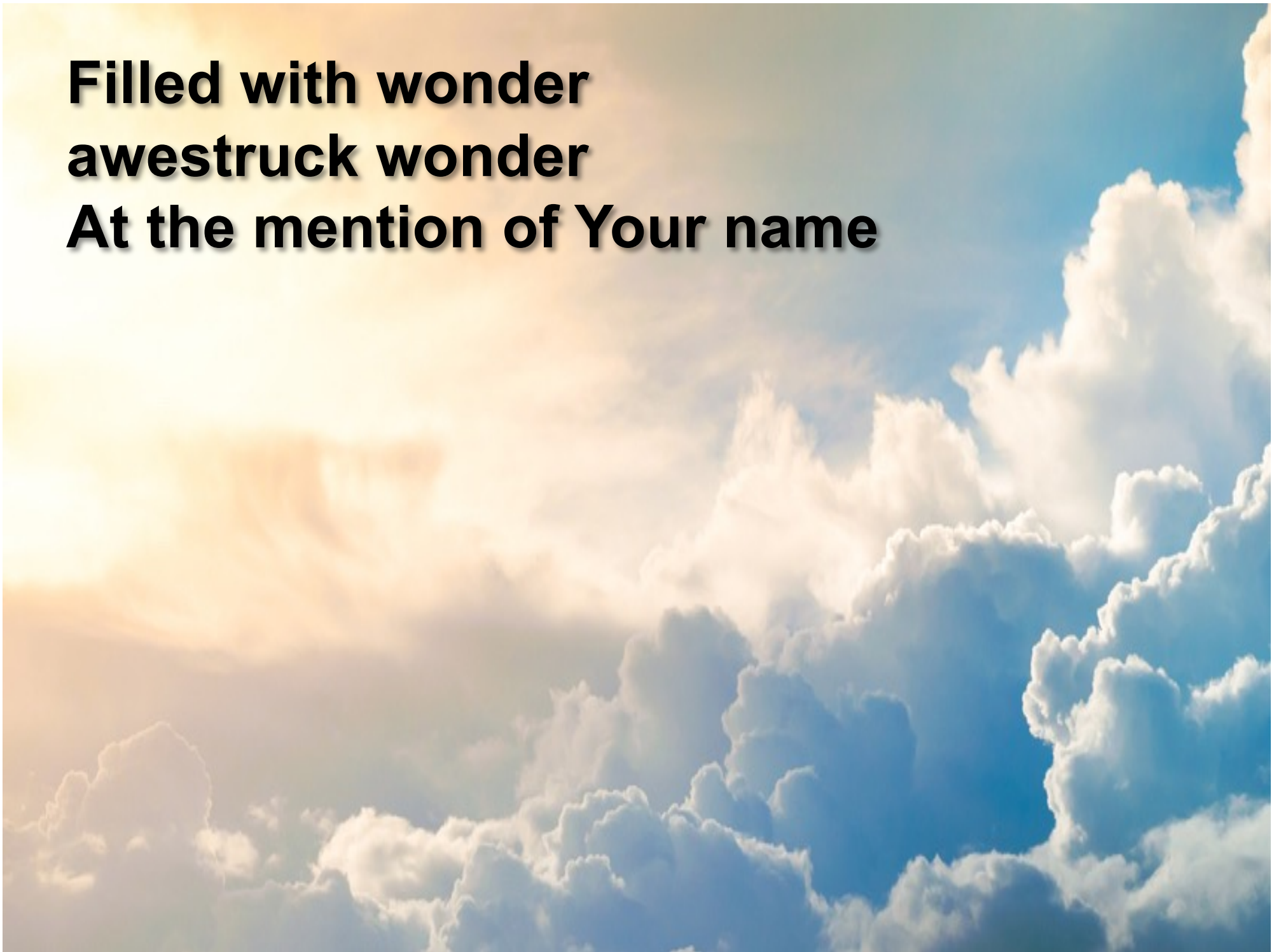


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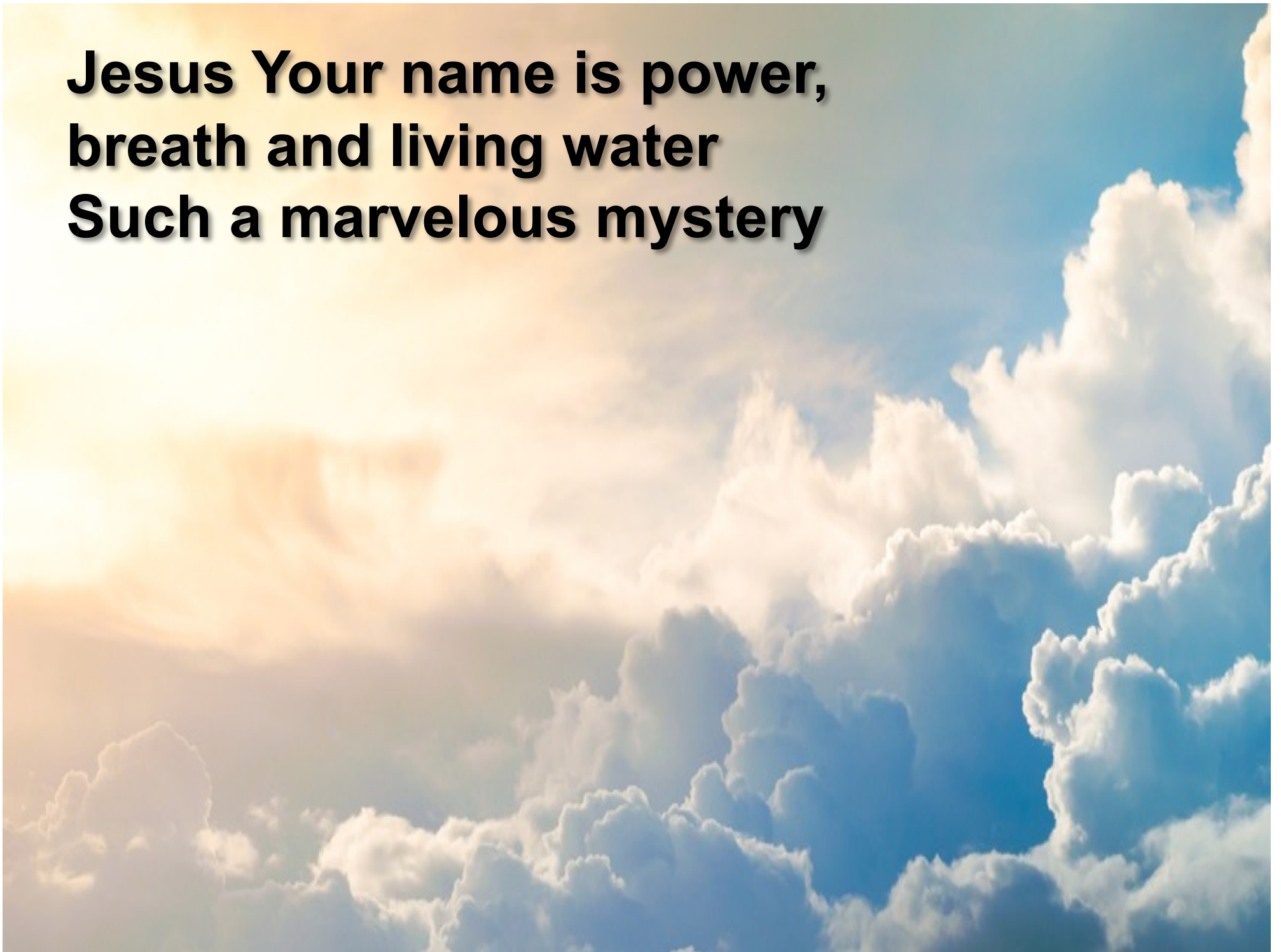




**Filled with wonder
awestruck wonder
At the mention of Your name**

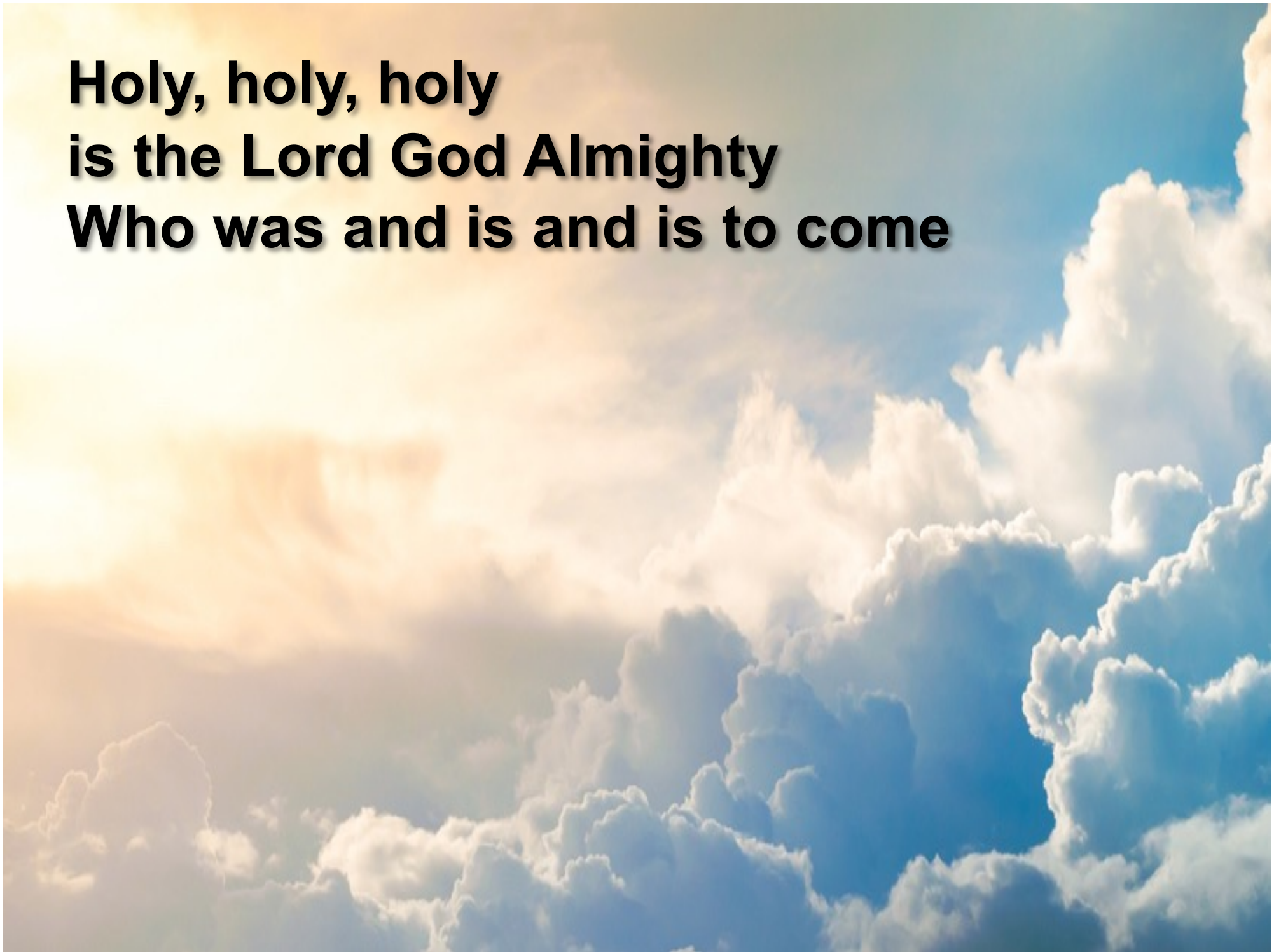


**Jesus Your name is power,
breath and living water
Such a marvelous mystery**

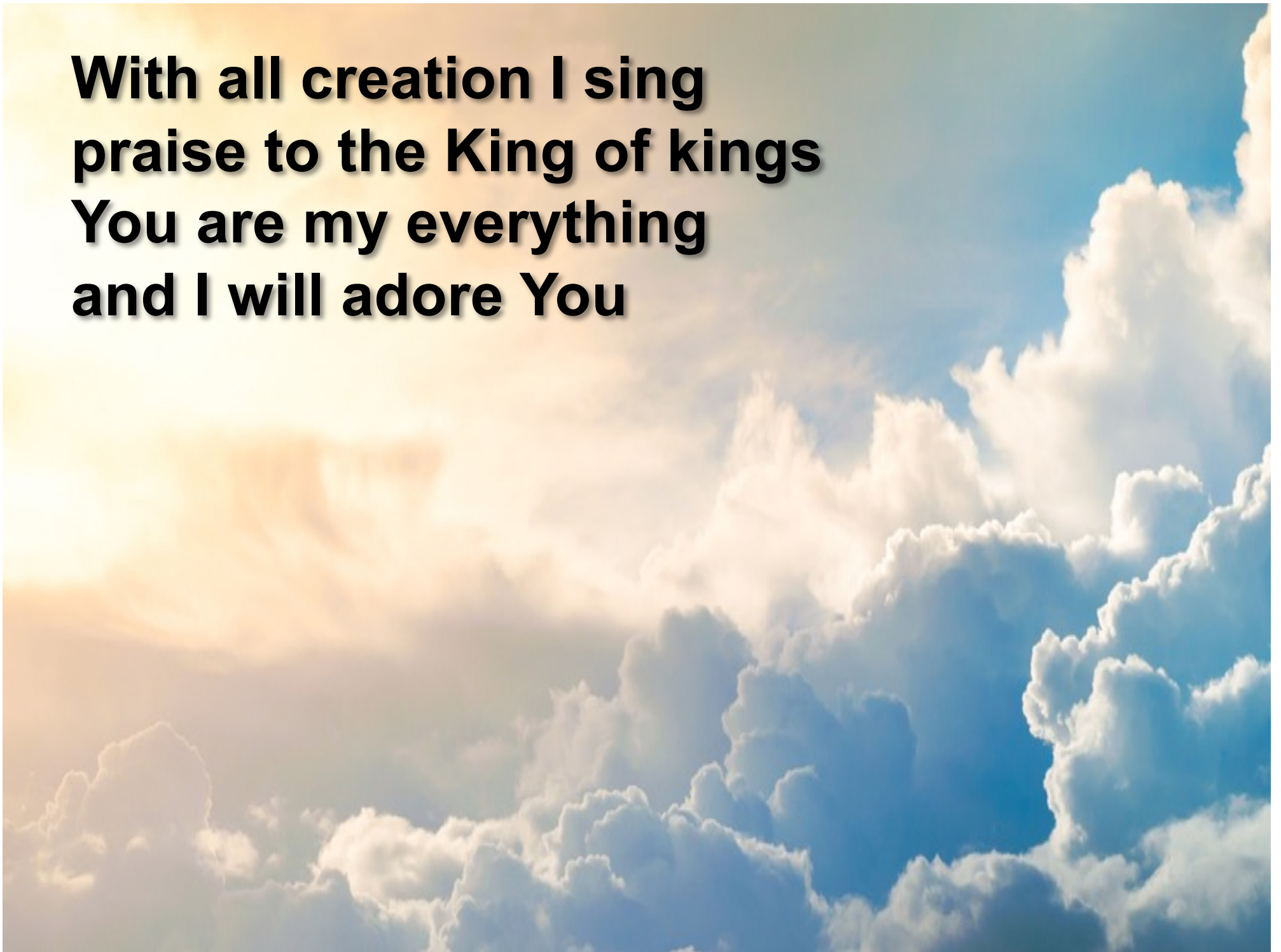




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Revelation 5



The Seal Breaker

Revelation 5

Lewis Winkler

What's the big deal about Jesus?





Jesus is a Man's Man

I DON'T ALWAYS CLEAR THE TEMPLE



BUT WHEN I DO, I MAKE MY OWN WHIP

John 2:16

Sovereignty of Christ in Future Victory

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The Scroll Sealed with Seven Seals...



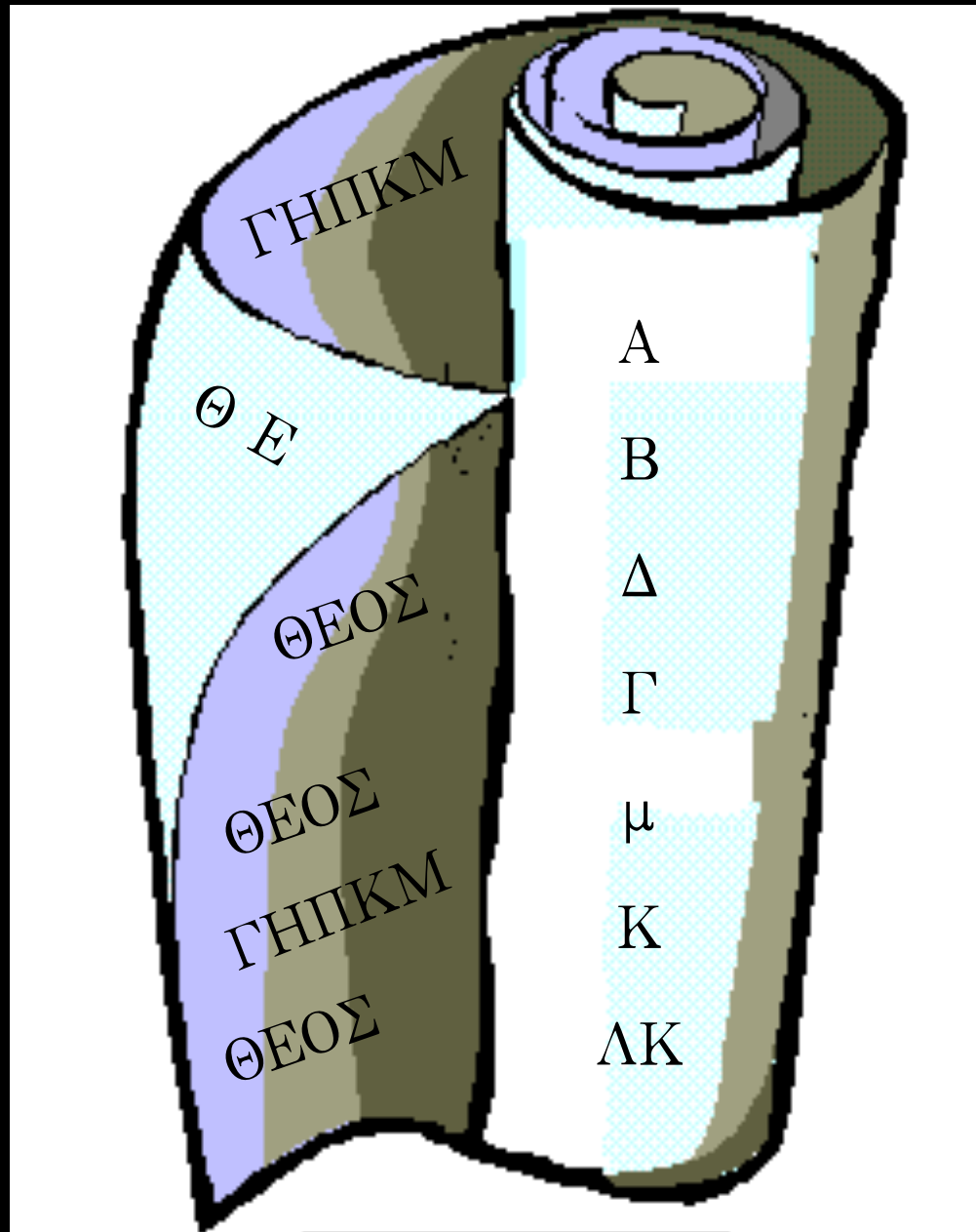
is firmly in the right hand of the Father (5:1)!

Significance of a Seal

- **Authority**
- **Ownership**
- **Ability to Act**



The Scroll of Revelation 5



The seal judgments were from a scroll written on the inside and out....

Required of the Worthy One

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- Near of Kin
- Willing to Redeem
- Able to Redeem



Who is worthy to break the seal (5:1-4)?



**Who is
worthy
to break
the seal
(5:1-4)?**



Who is worthy to break the seal (5:1-4)?



Some Food for Thought



- ☞ **When, if ever, was the last time you desperately longed to open the Scriptures and hear from God?**

Jesus is worthy to break the seal (5:5-10)!



☞ Because of Who He Is (5-8):

☞ He is the Lion of the tribe of Judah (5).



Why worship Jesus? Because of...

- **Who He is (5:5-7)**

Then one of the elders said to me,

DO NOT WEEP! See, the

LION

of the tribe of Judah, the Root of
David,
has triumphed. He is able to open the
scroll and its seven seals.

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LION

OF JUDAH



REVELATION 5:5



How do you approach Aslan?

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C.S. Lewis illustrates Christ's sovereign power in *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*, where a lion represents Christ:

"Aslan a man!" said Mr. Beaver sternly. "Certainly not. I tell you he is the King of the wood and the son of the great Emperor-beyond-the-sea. Don't you know who is the King of Beasts? Aslan is a lion—the Lion, the great Lion."



How do you approach Aslan?

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"Ooh!" said Susan, "I'd thought he was a man. Is he—quite safe? I shall feel rather nervous about meeting a lion."

"That you will, dearie, and no mistake," said Mrs. Beaver; "if there's anyone who can appear before Aslan without their knees knocking, they're either braver than most or else just silly."



How do you approach Aslan?

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"Then he isn't safe?" said Lucy.

"Safe?" said Mr. Beaver;
"don't you hear what Mrs. Beaver tells you? Who said anything about safe? 'Course he isn't safe. But he's good. He's the King, I tell you."

"I'm longing to see him," said Peter, "even if I do feel frightened when it comes to the point."



How do you approach Aslan?

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"That's right, son of Adam," said Mr. Beaver, bringing his paw down on the table with a crash that made all the cups and saucers rattle. "And so you shall. Word has been sent that you are to meet him, tomorrow if you can, at the Stone Table."



Interestingly, this is the **ONLY** reference to Jesus as the "**Lion**" in Revelation.

"The **Lion** of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed. He is able to open the scroll and its seven seals" (Rev. 5:5 NIV)

Is He Worthy?

Andrew Peterson & Ben Shive

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Jesus is worthy to break the seal (5:5-10)!



☞ Because of Who He
Is (5-8):

☞ He is the Root of
David (5).



Christ is King Descended from Judah



Since
Jacob's
blessing in
Genesis
49:9-10, the
lion has
depicted a
king...

"Judah, my son, is a young lion that has finished eating its prey. Like a lion he crouches and lies down; like a lioness—who dares to rouse him?"

¹⁰The scepter will not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from his descendants, until the coming of the one to whom it belongs, the one whom all nations will honor" (NLT).

Jesus is worthy to break the seal (5:5-10)!



❧ Because of Who He Is (5-8):


❧ He is the
Lamb who
was slain
(6-8).



Why worship Jesus? Because of...

- **Who He is (5:5-7)**
- **Where He is (5:6)**

However, Revelation refers to Jesus as
the "**Lamb**" 28 times!



"Then I saw a **Lamb** that looked as if it had been slaughtered, but it was now standing between the throne and the four living beings and among the twenty-four elders. He had seven horns and seven eyes, which represent the sevenfold Spirit of God that is sent out into every part of the earth" (Rev. 5:6 NLT)



The Passover Lamb



“Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world” (John 1:29)





Then I saw a **Lamb** that looked as if it had been **slaughtered**... He had seven horns and seven eyes, which represent the sevenfold Spirit of God that is sent out into every part of the earth (Rev 5:6a, 6c NLT).



Then I saw a **Lamb** that looked as if it had been slaughtered, but it was now **standing** between the throne and the four living beings and among the twenty-four elders (5:6a-b NLT).

Why worship Jesus? Because of...

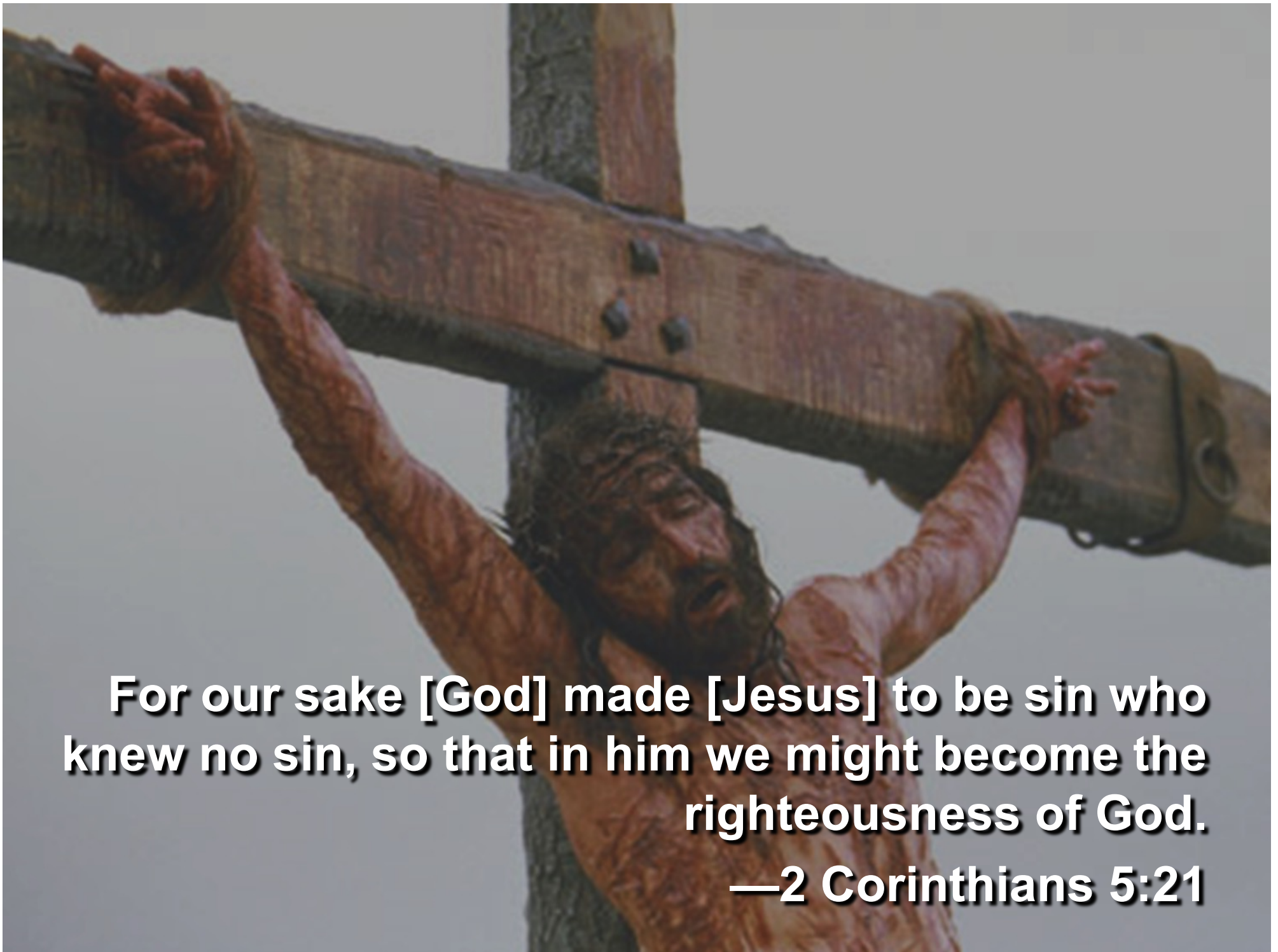
- **Who He is (5:5-7)**
- **Where He is (5:6)**
- **What He does (5:8-10)**

Jesus is worthy to break the seal (5:5-10)!



☞ Because of What He Has Done
(9-10):

☞ He ransomed people from every
tribe, tongue, and nation (9).



For our sake [God] made [Jesus] to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

—2 Corinthians 5:21

Jesus is worthy to break the seal (5:5-10)!



**"Therefore,
we are
ambassadors
for Christ"**

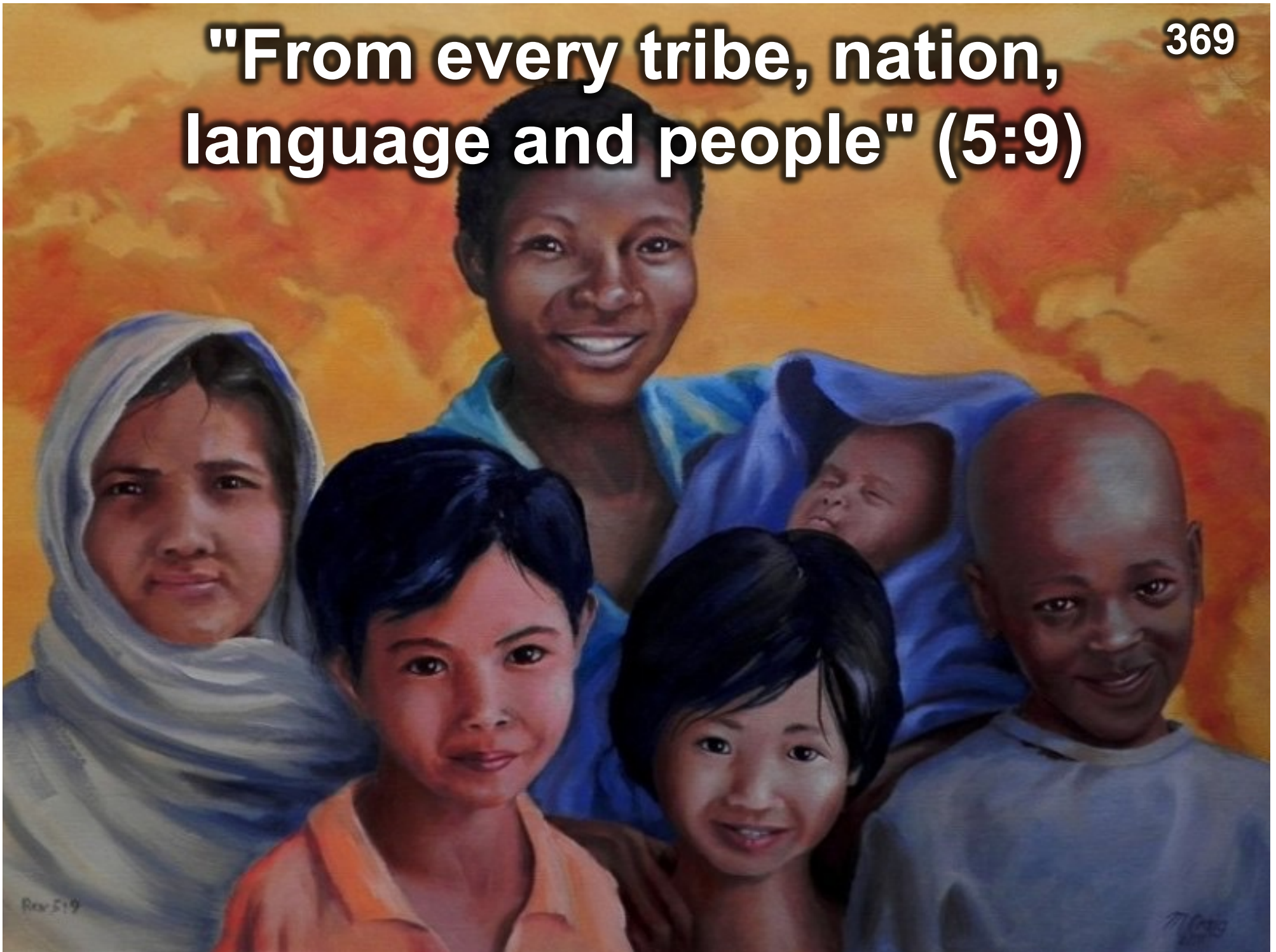
—2 Cor. 5:20



**"You are worthy to take the scroll
and open its seals..." (5:9)**

**"From every tribe, nation,
language and people" (5:9)**

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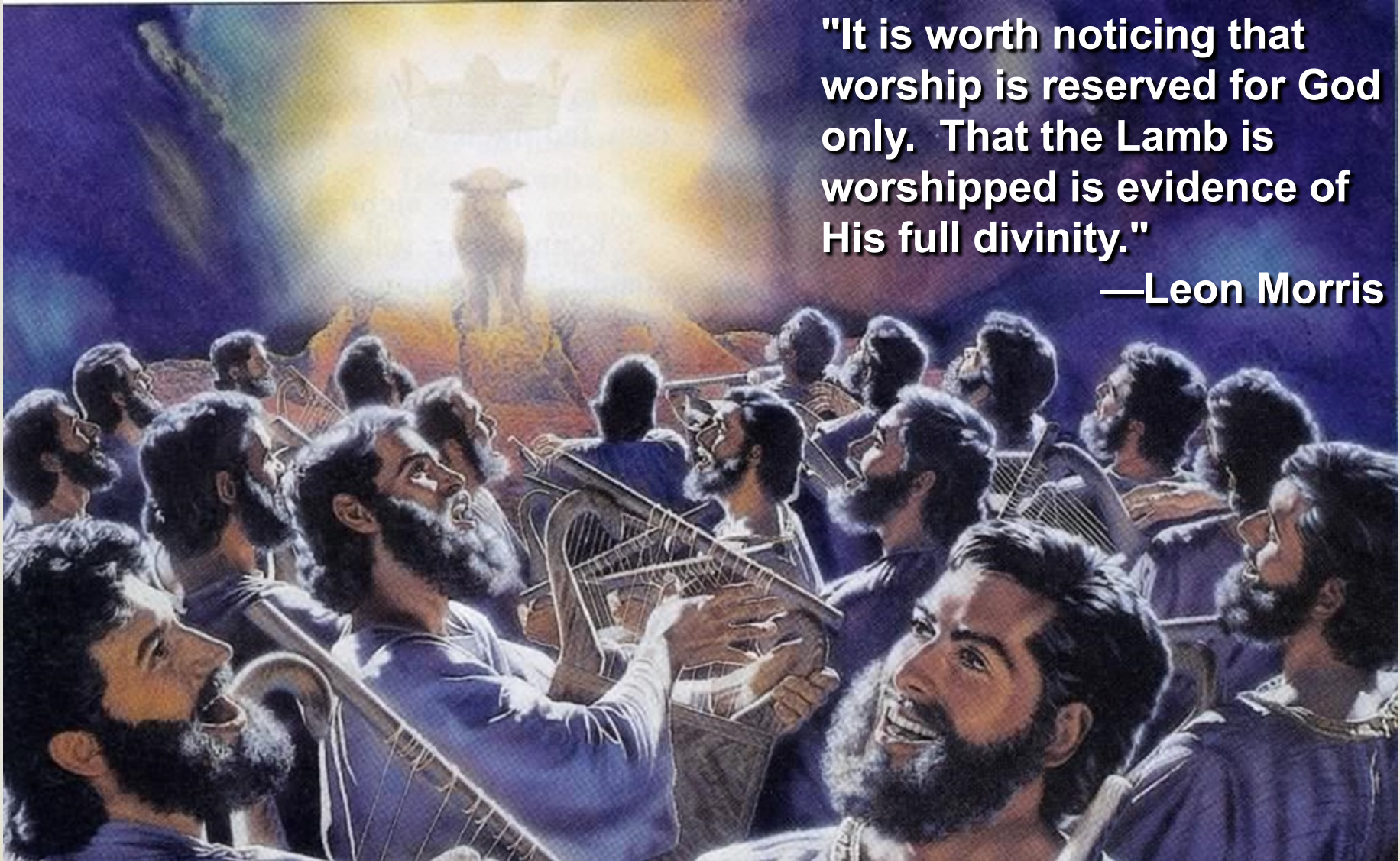


"And you have caused them to become a Kingdom of priests for our God. **And they will reign on the earth" (Rev 5:10 NLT).**

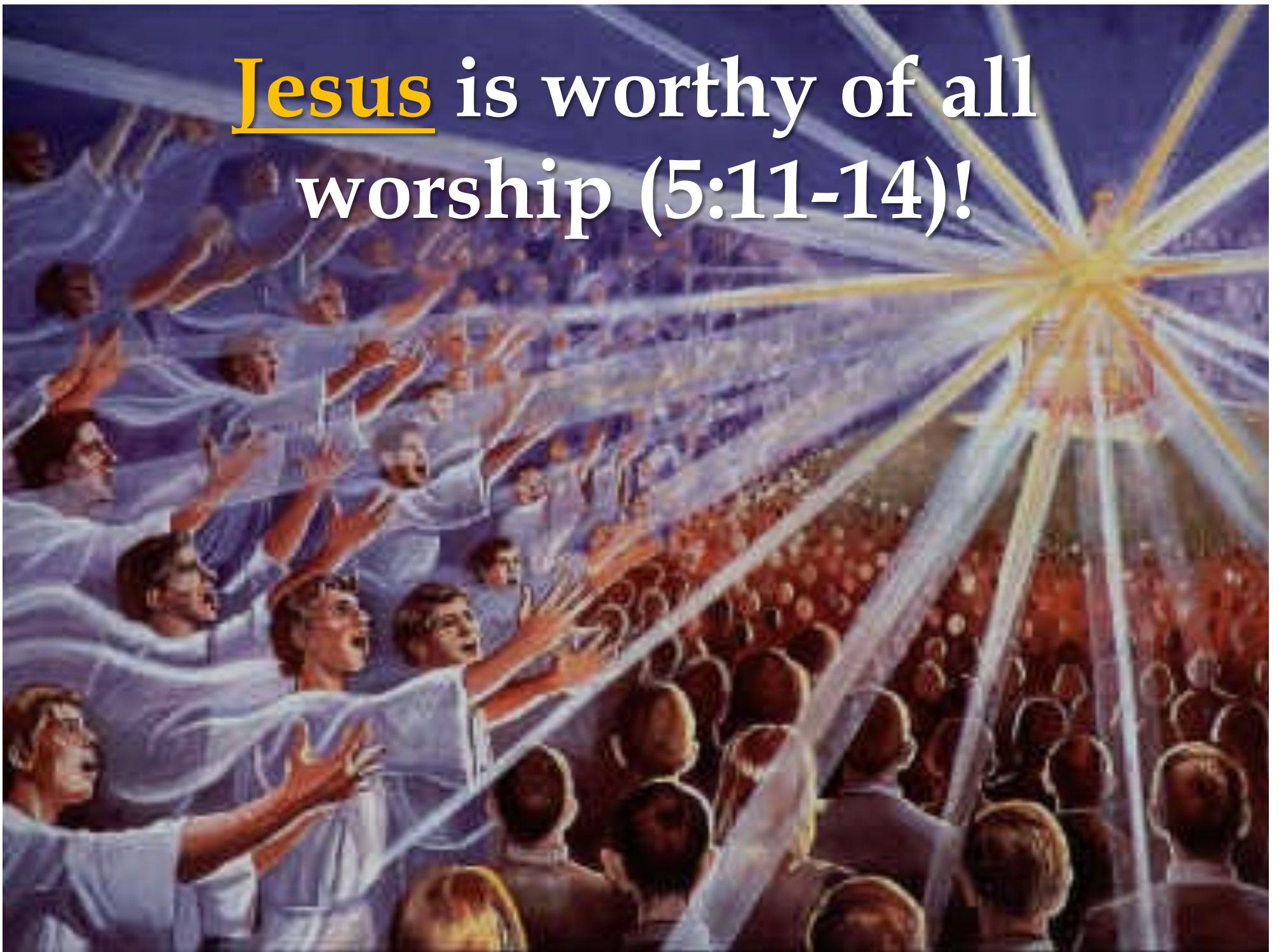
Jesus is worthy to break the seal (5:5-10)!

"It is worth noticing that worship is reserved for God only. That the Lamb is worshipped is evidence of His full divinity."

—Leon Morris



Jesus is worthy of all
worship (5:11-14)!



Why worship Jesus? Because of...

- **Who He is (5:5-7)**
- **Where He is (5:6)**
- **What He does (5:8-10)**
- **What He has (5:11-14)**

Main Idea of Revelation 5

Jesus is worthy to reveal the future and be worshiped because He is the Divine Messiah and redeemed us from the penalty of sin, making us a kingdom of priests.

Personal Application



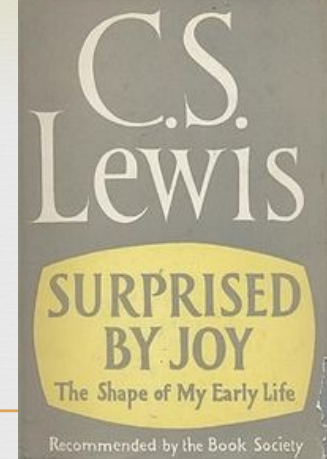
- ❧ **Have you truly trusted in Jesus Christ to forgive your sin and bring you into a right relationship with God?**
- ❧ **If so, does your life really reflect the fact that you are God's representative on earth?**
- ❧ **Do you regularly worship and give Christ the thanks and honor He rightly deserves?**

C. S. Lewis' Story





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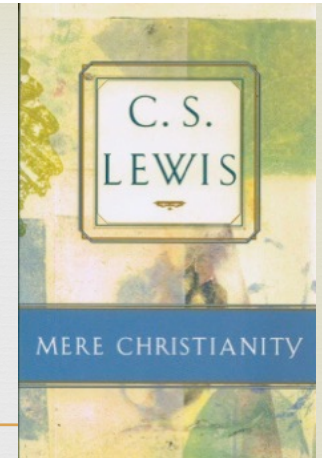


"If ever a myth had become fact, had been incarnated, it would be just like this. . . . And no person was like the Person depicted; as real, as recognizable, through all that depth of time . . . , yet also numinous, lit by a light from beyond the world, a god. But if a god . . . then not a god, but God. Here and here only in all time the myth must have become fact; the Word, flesh; God, Man."

C. S. Lewis, *Surprised by Joy*, 136.



C. S. Lewis' Story

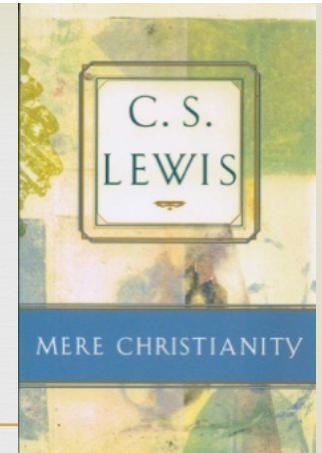


"I am here trying to prevent anyone saying the really foolish thing that people often say about Him: "I'm ready to accept Jesus as a great moral teacher, but I don't accept His claim to be God." That is the one thing we must not say. A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic – on a level with the man who says he is a poached egg – or else he would be the Devil of Hell..."

C. S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*, 55-56



C. S. Lewis' Story



"You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the Son of God: or else a madman or something worse. You can shut Him up for a fool, you can spit at Him and kill Him as a demon; or you can fall at His feet and call Him Lord and God. But let us not come with any patronising nonsense about His being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to."

C. S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*, 55-56

Hymns of Revelation 4–5

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Lord God Almighty
Praise as Creator

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Lamb
Praise as
Redeemer

5:13

God & Lamb
Praise & honor & glory & power



Purposes of the Tribulation

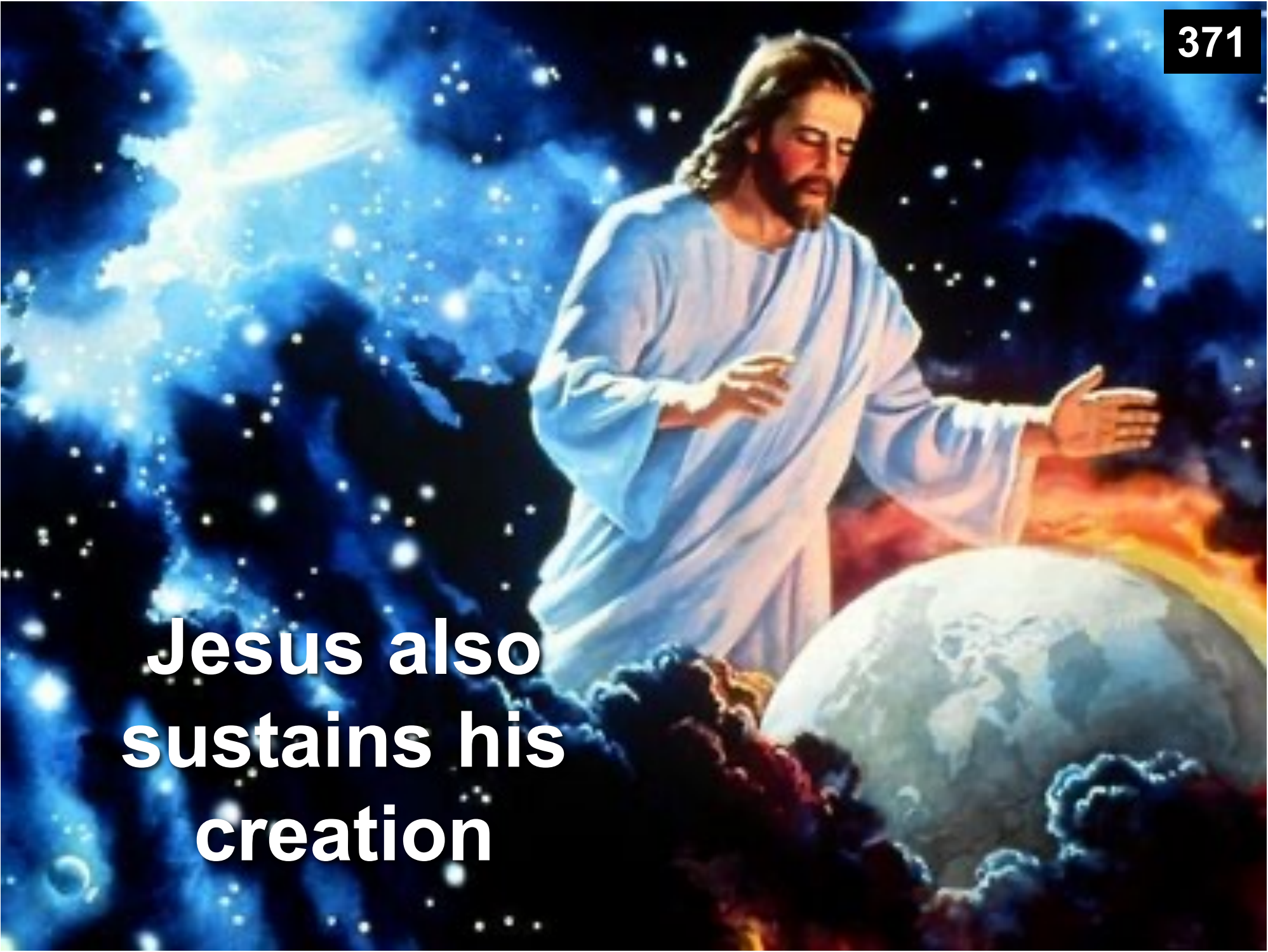


1. To Judge the Nations







**Jesus is the
source of all
things
existing
today**

A religious illustration of Jesus Christ with long brown hair and a beard, wearing a light blue robe. He is standing in a cosmic, blue-hued space filled with stars and nebulae. His right hand is raised in a gesture of blessing or creation, while his left hand is extended downwards towards a glowing globe of the Earth. The globe is partially obscured by dark, swirling clouds. The overall scene conveys a sense of divine power and the sustenance of the world.

**Jesus also
sustains his
creation**



**Jesus also will
judge the people
he has created**



Purposes of the **Tribulation**

- 1. To Judge the Nations**
- 2. To Discipline Israel**
- 3. To Save Israel**
- 4. To Establish the Millennial Kingdom**



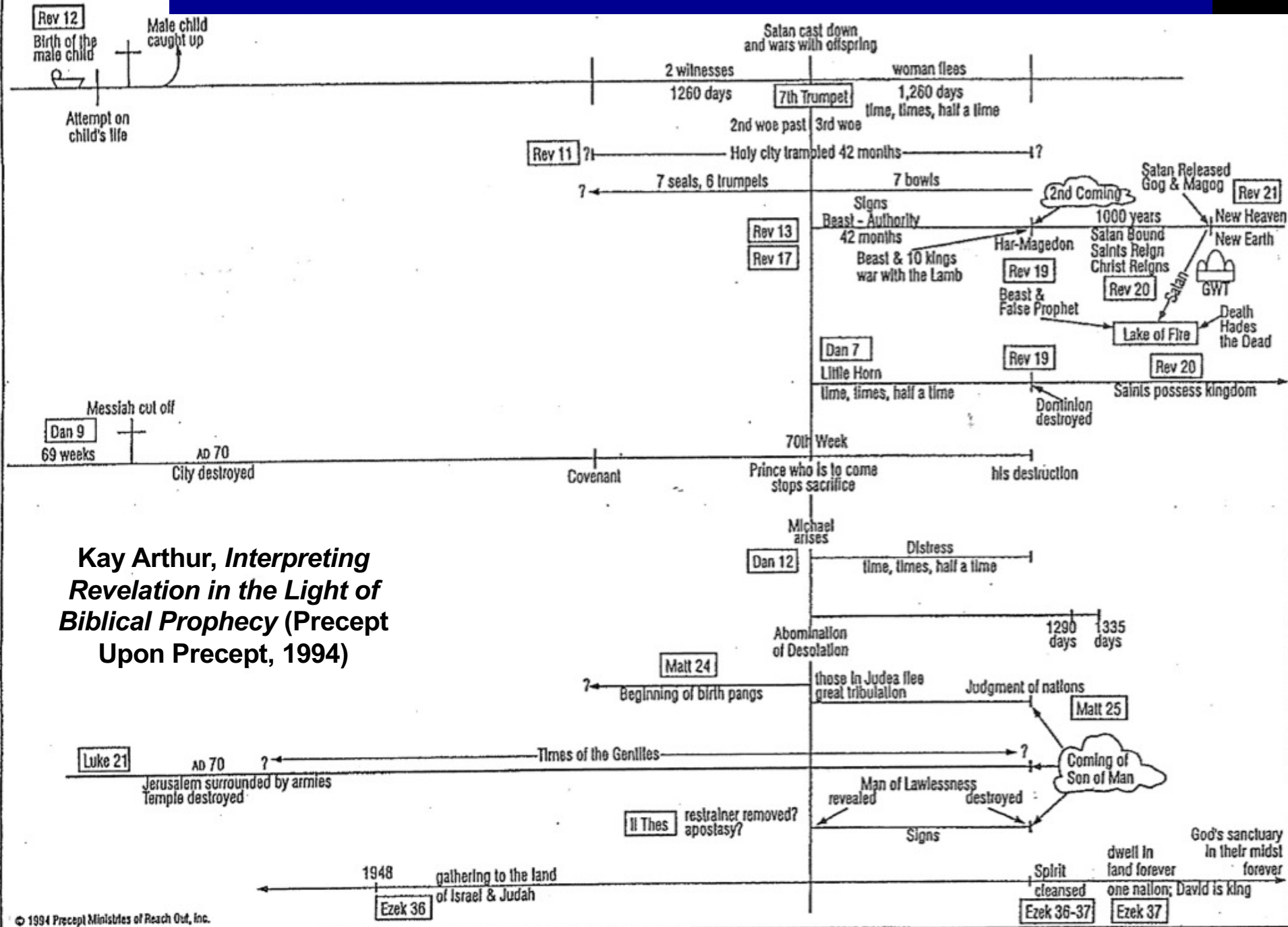
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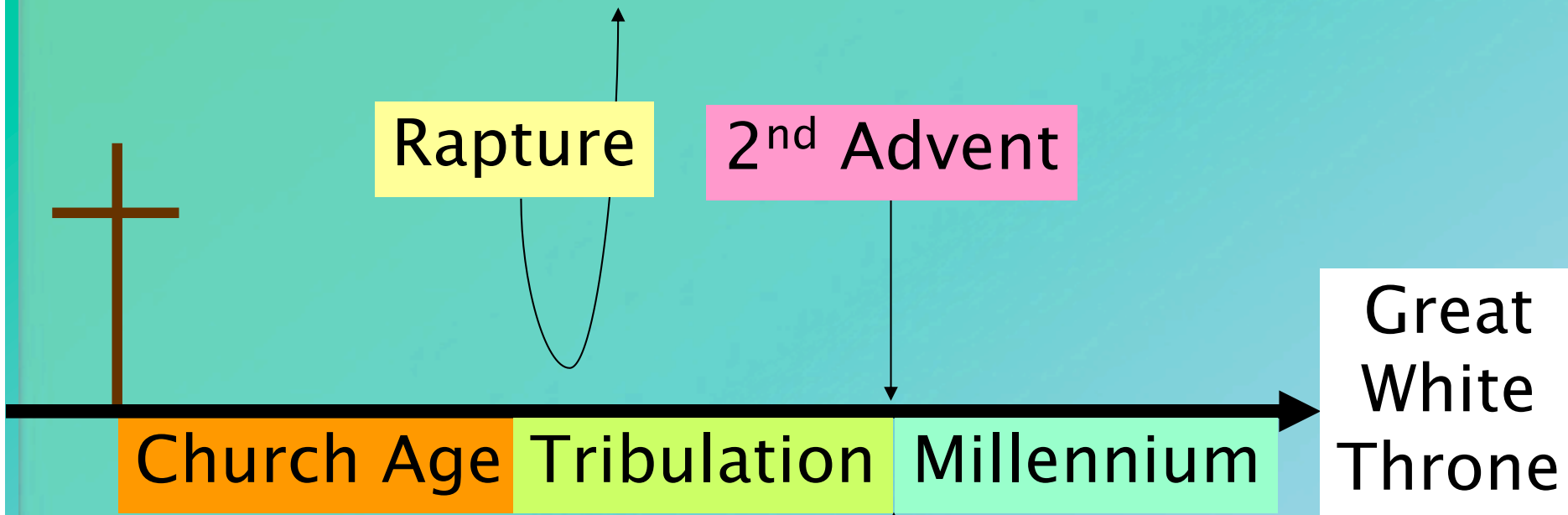


- "Day" or "**Day of the LORD**"—Isa. 30:23-25; 34:1-8; 35:1-10; Joel 2:28-32; 3:1-21; Zeph. 3:8, 16-20; Zech. 14:1-21)
- "**Tribulation**"—Deut. 4:30; Matt. 24:9, 21, 29; Rev. 7:14
- "**Time of Jacob's trouble**"—Jer. 30:7
- "**Wrath of God**"—Zeph. 1:15; 1 Thess. 1:10; 5:9; Rev. 11:18; 15:1; 16:1
- "**Seven**"—Dan. 9:27



Kay Arthur, *Interpreting Revelation in the Light of Biblical Prophecy* (Precept Upon Precept, 1994)

A Dispensational Timeline



“How awful that day will be! None will be like it. It will be a time of Jacob's trouble but he will be saved out of it”
(Jer. 30:7)

Revelation 6

The Christ of Balance

Seals & Salvation

Revelation 6:1–8:5

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CONFUSED

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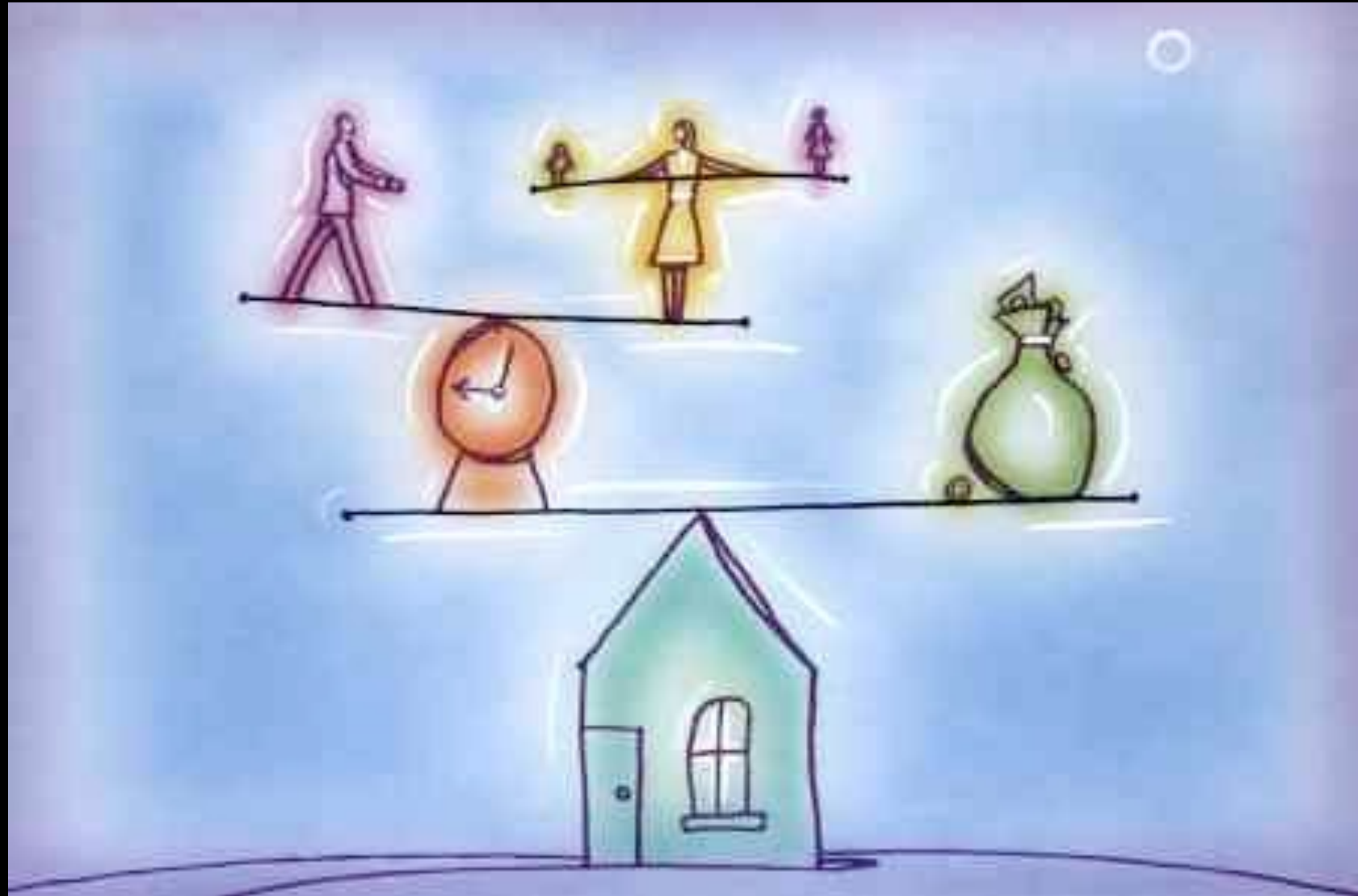
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Balance in Life



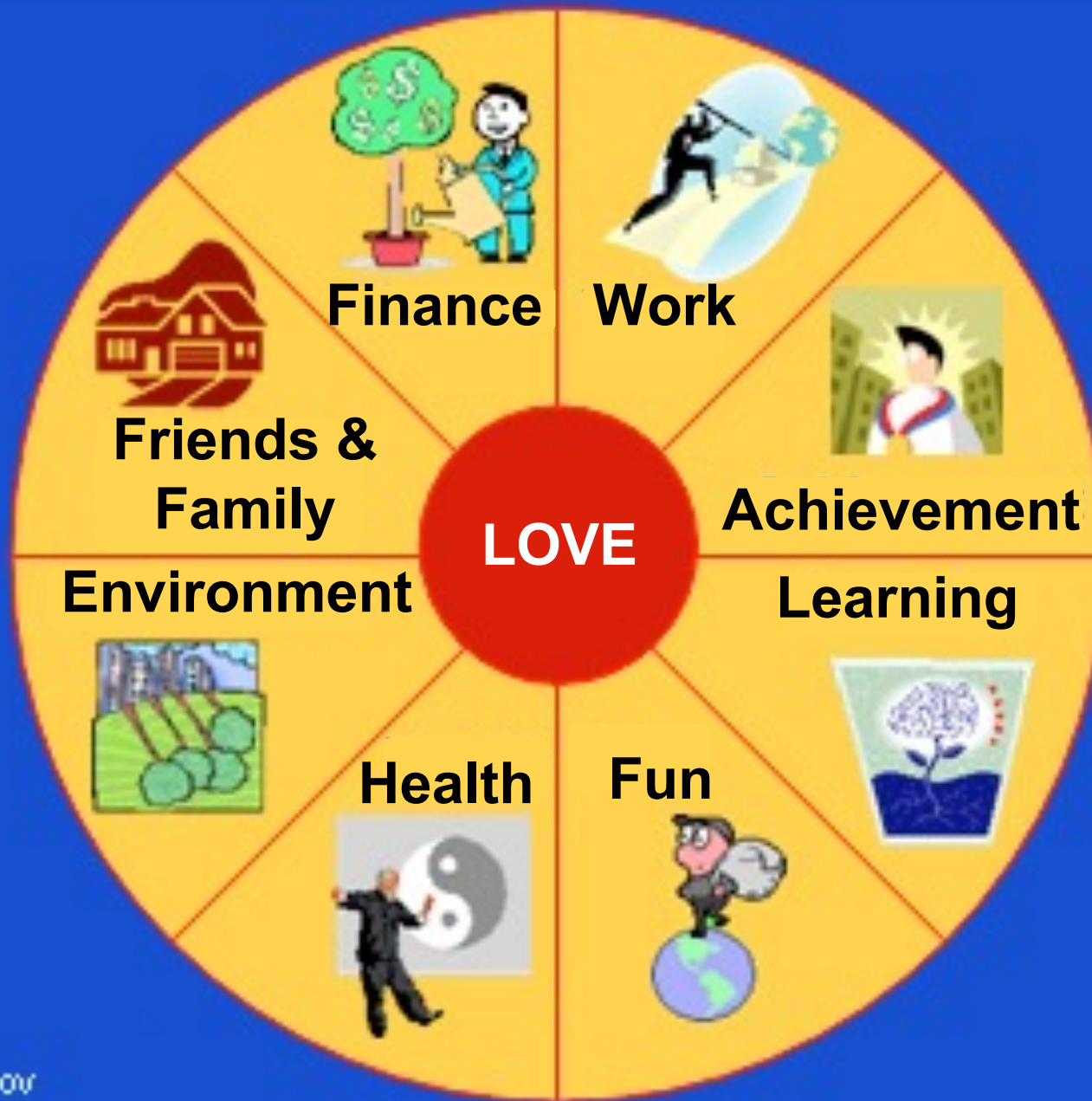


BALANCE

It's important to maintain a balance between your work life and your family life. There are 24 hours in a day. Why aren't you working 12 hours every day?



Balance Your Wheel of Life



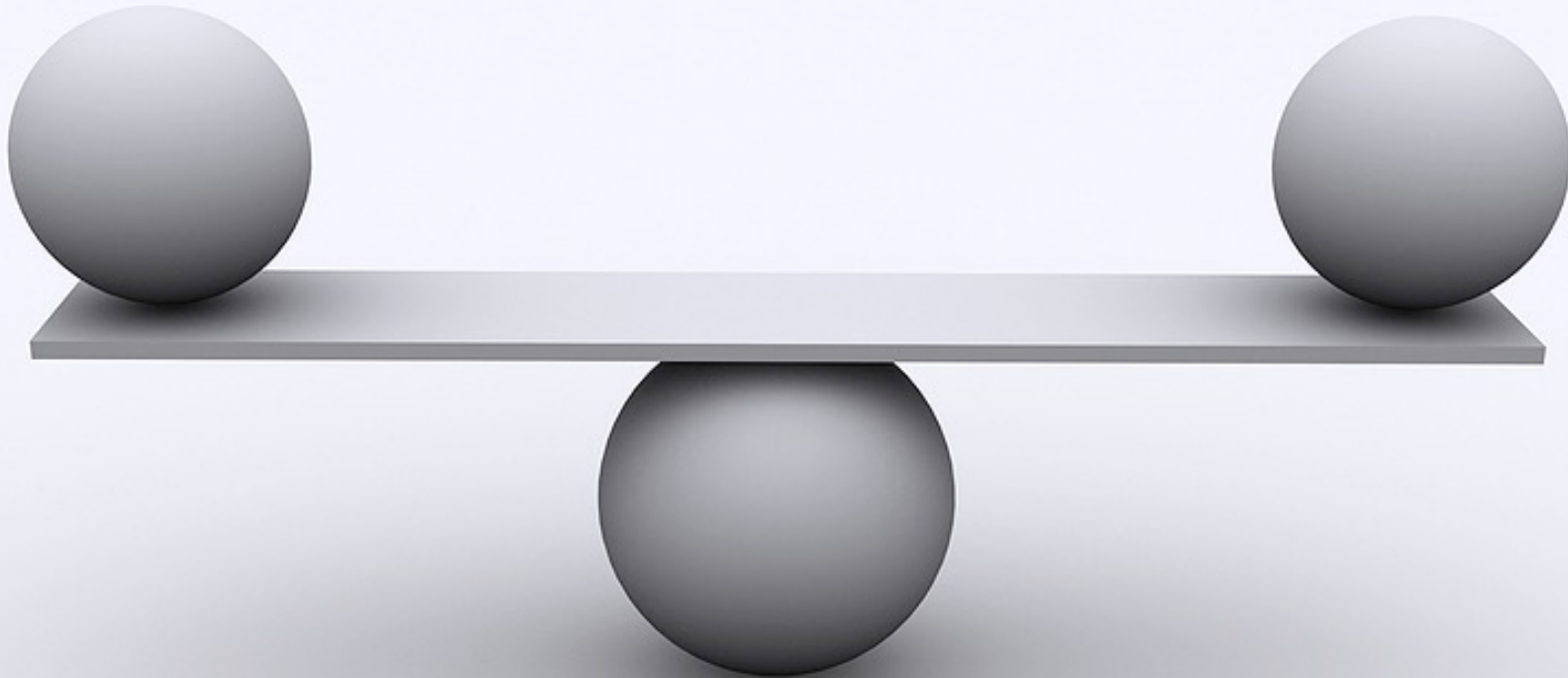
Are You Balanced?



Balance

Justice

Grace



Is Jesus Balanced?



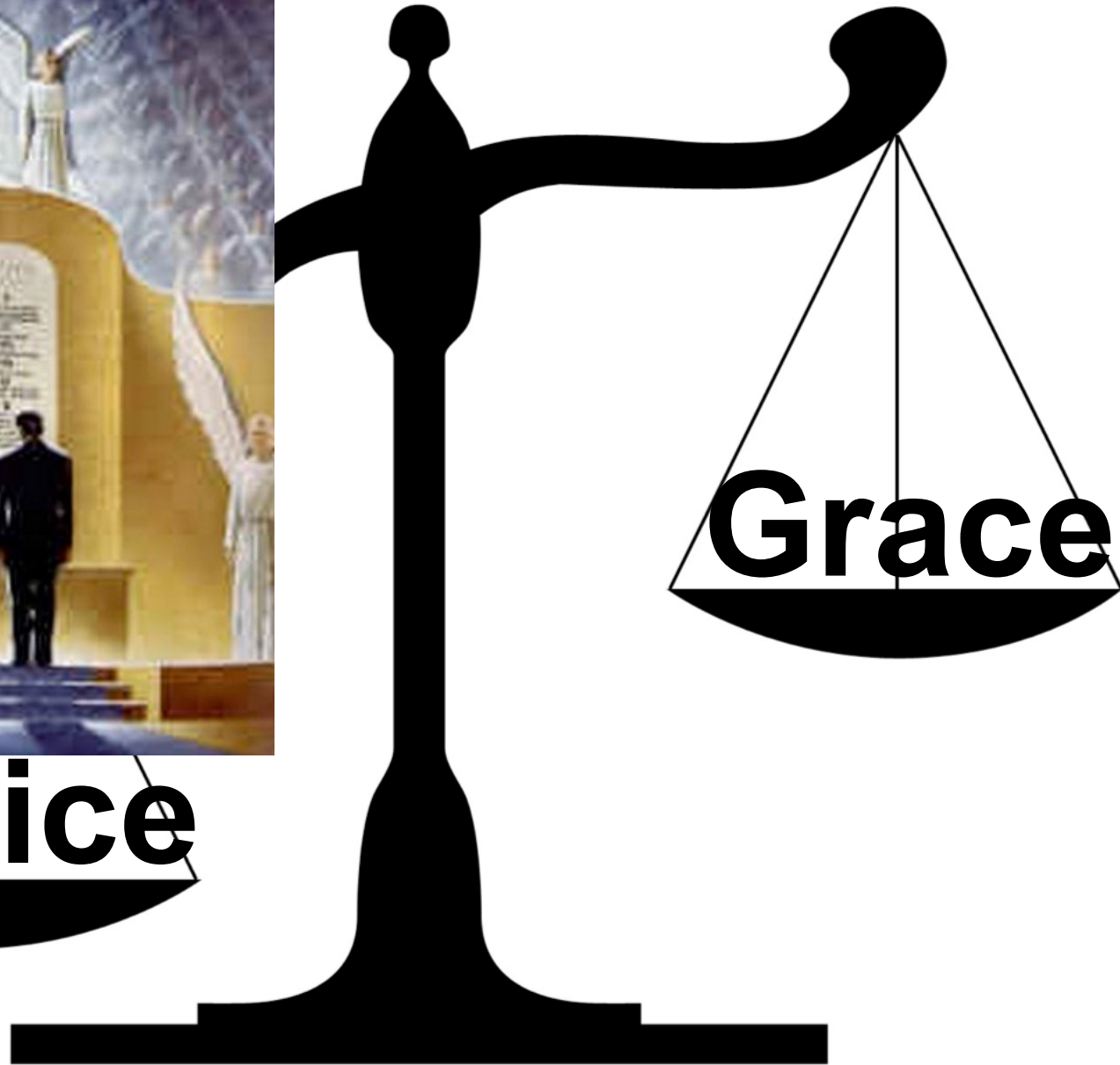
The Angry Jesus



Which depicts Jesus?



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Jesus the Flower Sniffer



Which depicts Jesus?



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Sovereignty of Christ in Future Victory

Sovereignty in His Person			Sovereignty over Churches			Sovereignty in End-Time Events				
Chapter 1			Chapters 2–3			Chapters 4–22				
"What you have seen" (1:19a)			"What is now" (1:19b)			"What will take place later" (1:19c)				
Past			Present			Future				
Christ Unveiled			Churches Unveiled			Consummation Unveiled				
God on Earth			God's Ambassadors on Earth			Hell on Earth to Heaven on Earth				
The Judge			The Assignments			The Judgments & Rewards				
Subject 1:1-3	Worship of Trinity 1:4-8	Glorified Christ 1:9-20	Seven Churches of Asia: Ephesus Smyrna Pergamum Thyatira Sardis Philadelphia Laodicea			Tribulation 4:1–19:10	Second Coming 19:11-21	Millennium 20	Eternal State 21:1–22:5	Closing: Imminency 22:6-21

Revelation

Real Rule Never Changes



III. John records future end-time events that demonstrate the **sovereignty and final triumph of Jesus Christ** as an encouragement to believers struggling with external opposition (Rev. 4–22)

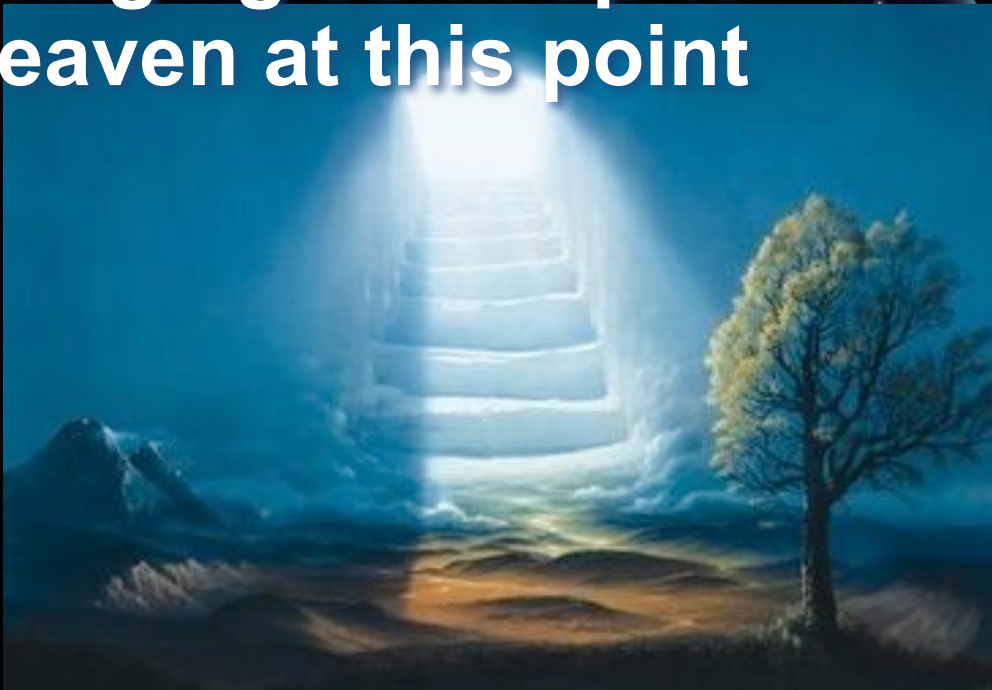
"Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this" (4:1b)

Does this depict the Rapture of the church?



"Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this" (4:1b)

This isn't the Rapture. God was bringing John up to heaven at this point



The elders cast their crowns (4:10)





Revelation 4 Main Idea:


**God, the wondrous and
sovereign Creator of all, is
worthy of all worship.**

The Scroll Sealed with Seven Seals...



is firmly in the right hand of the Father (5:1)!

However, Revelation refers to Jesus as
the "**Lamb**" 28 times!



"Then I saw a **Lamb** that looked as if it had been slaughtered, but it was now standing between the throne and the four living beings and among the twenty-four elders. He had seven horns and seven eyes, which represent the sevenfold Spirit of God that is sent out into every part of the earth" (Rev. 5:6 NLT)



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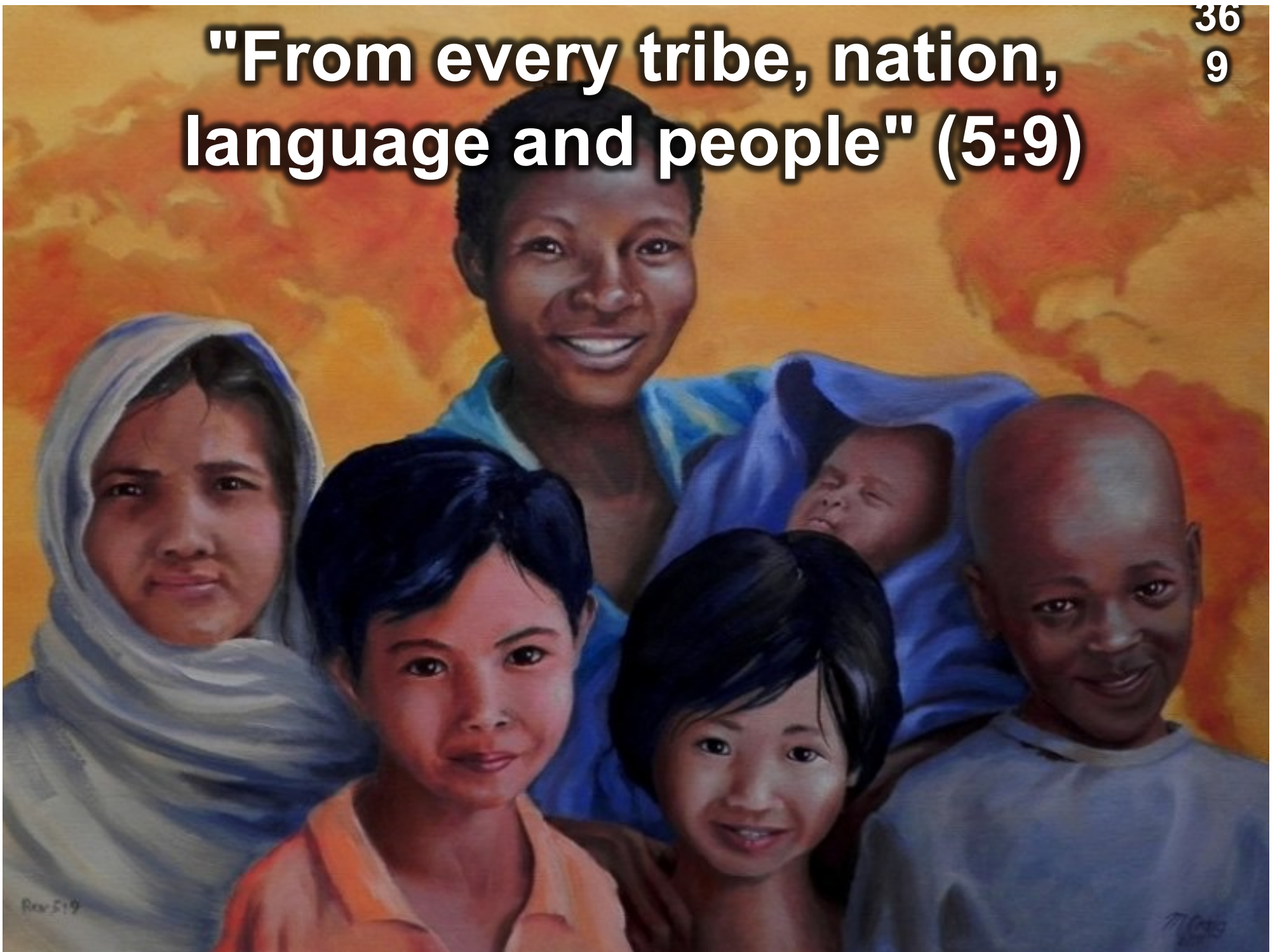
Then I saw a **Lamb** that looked as if it had been slaughtered, but it was now **standing** between the throne and the four living beings and among the twenty-four elders (5:6a-b NLT).



**"You are worthy to take the scroll
and open its seals..." (5:9)**

**"From every tribe, nation,
language and people" (5:9)**

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**"And you have caused them to become a
Kingdom of priests for our God.
And they will reign on the earth" (5:10 NLT).**

Why worship Jesus? Because of...

- **Who He is (5:5-7)**
- **Where He is (5:6)**
- **What He does (5:8-10)**
- **What He has (5:11-14)**

Revelation 5 Main Idea:

Jesus is worthy to reveal the future and be worshiped because He is the Divine Messiah and He redeemed us from the penalty of sin, making us a kingdom of priests.

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Jesus is balanced!



Justice



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The Seal Judgments (Rev. 6)



Four Horses (6:1-8)

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The Dream of the Perfect Leader (6:1-2)

The 1st Seal

¹Now I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals; and I heard one of the four living creatures saying with a voice like thunder, "Come and see."

²And I looked, and behold, a white horse. He who sat on it had a bow; and a crown was given to him, and he went out conquering and to conquer.



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Seal #1 The White Horse Rider Depicts the Antichrist

How do we know this?

- i. Different from the Lamb
- ii. "White" also refers to evil
- iii. Many differences with Christ
in 19:11-16



Different Horsemen

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6:1-2



Purposes

Equipment

Names

Fellow Riders

Time

Context

Crown

19:11-16



Daniel K. K. Wong, "The First Horseman of Revelation 6,"
Bibliotheca Sacra 153 (April-June 1996): 212-26

Different Horsemen

6:1-2



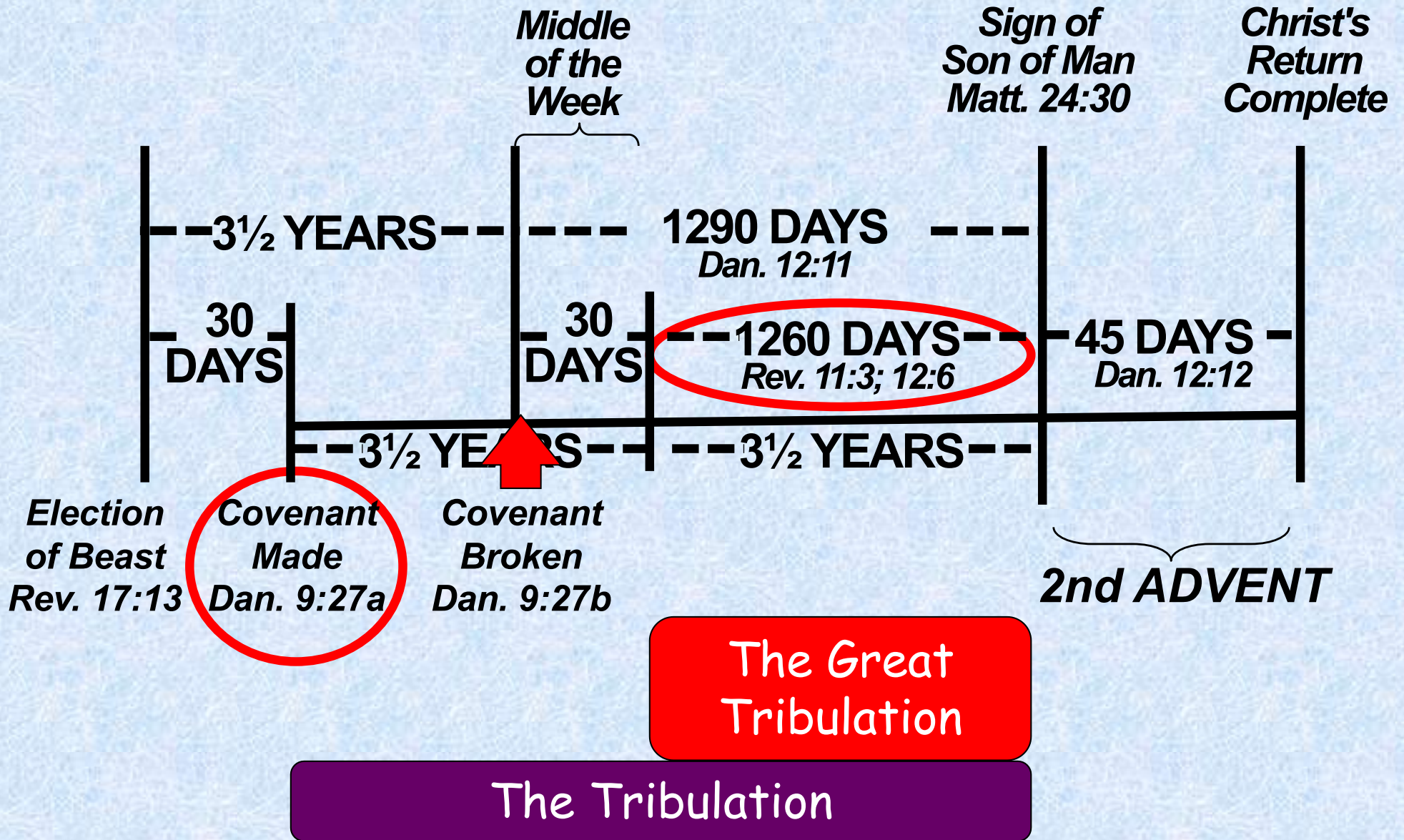
"The word for crown in Revelation 6:2 is *stephanos*, which means 'the victor's crown.' The crown that Jesus Christ wears is *diadema*, 'the kingly crown' (Rev. 19:12). Antichrist could never wear the diadem, because it belongs only to the Son of God" (Wiersbe).

19:11-16



Chronology of the 70th "Week"

Adapted from J. Dwight Pentecost, Dallas Theological Seminary, 1988



The 2nd Seal

³When He opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature saying, "Come and see." ⁴Another horse, fiery red, went out. And it was granted to the one who sat on it to take peace from the earth, and that *people* should kill one another; and there was given to him a great sword.



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The Third Seal Black Horse (6:5-6)

The 3rd Seal

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⁵When He opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature say, "Come and see." So I looked, and behold, a black horse, and he who sat on it had a pair of scales in his hand.

⁶And I heard a voice in the midst of the four living creatures saying, "A quart of wheat for a denarius, and three quarts of barley for a denarius; and do not harm the oil and the wine."

7When He opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature saying, "Come and see."

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8So I looked, and behold, a pale horse. And the name of him who sat on it was Death, and Hades followed with him. And power was given to them over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword, with hunger, with death, and by the beasts of the earth.

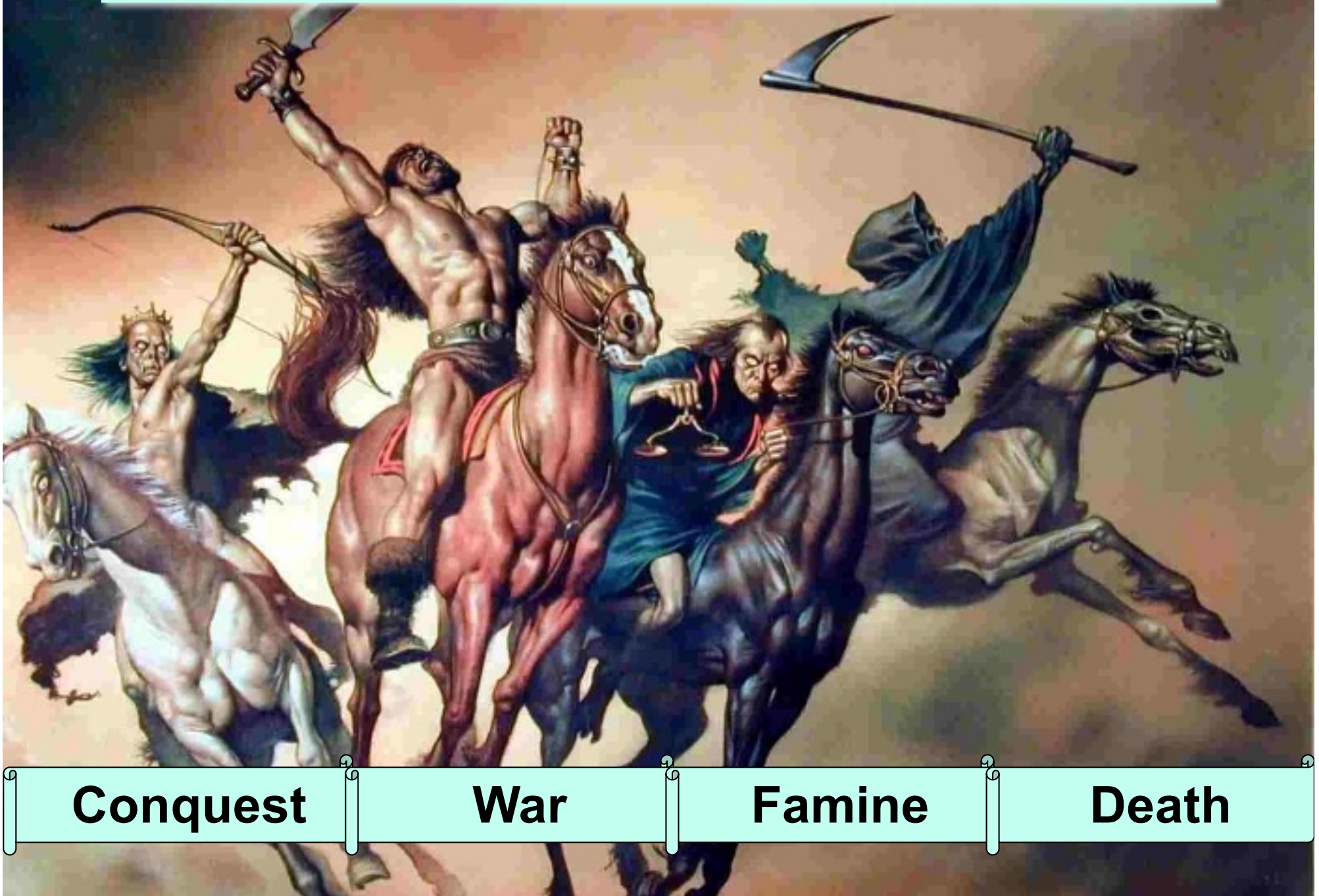


The 4th Seal

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Tragedies of the Four Horses (6:1-8)

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Conquest

War

Famine

Death

Content of the Judgments

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	SEALS	Matthew 24:5-9 Seal Parallels:	BOWLS
1	White: conqueror	Deceivers (24:5)	Sores
2	Red: war	Wars (24:6-7a)	Sea to blood
3	Black: famine	Famines (24:7b)	Fresh water to blood
4	Pale: death	Death (24:9)	Sun burns men
		(Trumpets 5-7 are woes)	
5	Martyrs reassured	Martyrs (24:9)	Beast's kingdom dark
6	Wrath: earthquake, sign	Earthquakes & worldwide chaos (24:7c, 10-13)	
	(144,000 sealed)	(Trumpets 7-8 mystery)	
7	1/2 hour silence	Woe #3: victory imminent	Earthquake & hail

Four Horses (6:1-8)

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Parallels Between Daniel 9:27 and Revelation

Topic	Daniel 9:27	Revelation 6–19
Beg. of Trib.	Peace Treaty	Rider on White Horse (6:1)
Temple	Sacrifices	Temple (11:1-2)
Time	Half of 7 years	1260 days; 42 months (11:2-3)
Antichrist Persecutes Jews	One who makes desolate	Persecution (13:7)
Antichrist's Image	Abomination of Desolation	Image of Antichrist (13:11-15)
End of Trib.	Destruction of the Desolator	Antichrist Defeated (19:20)



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Seal #5: Martyrs Assured under the Altar (6:9-11)



"The moon turned blood red" (6:12)


"...Fall on us and hide us from the face of him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb!" (6:16 NIV)





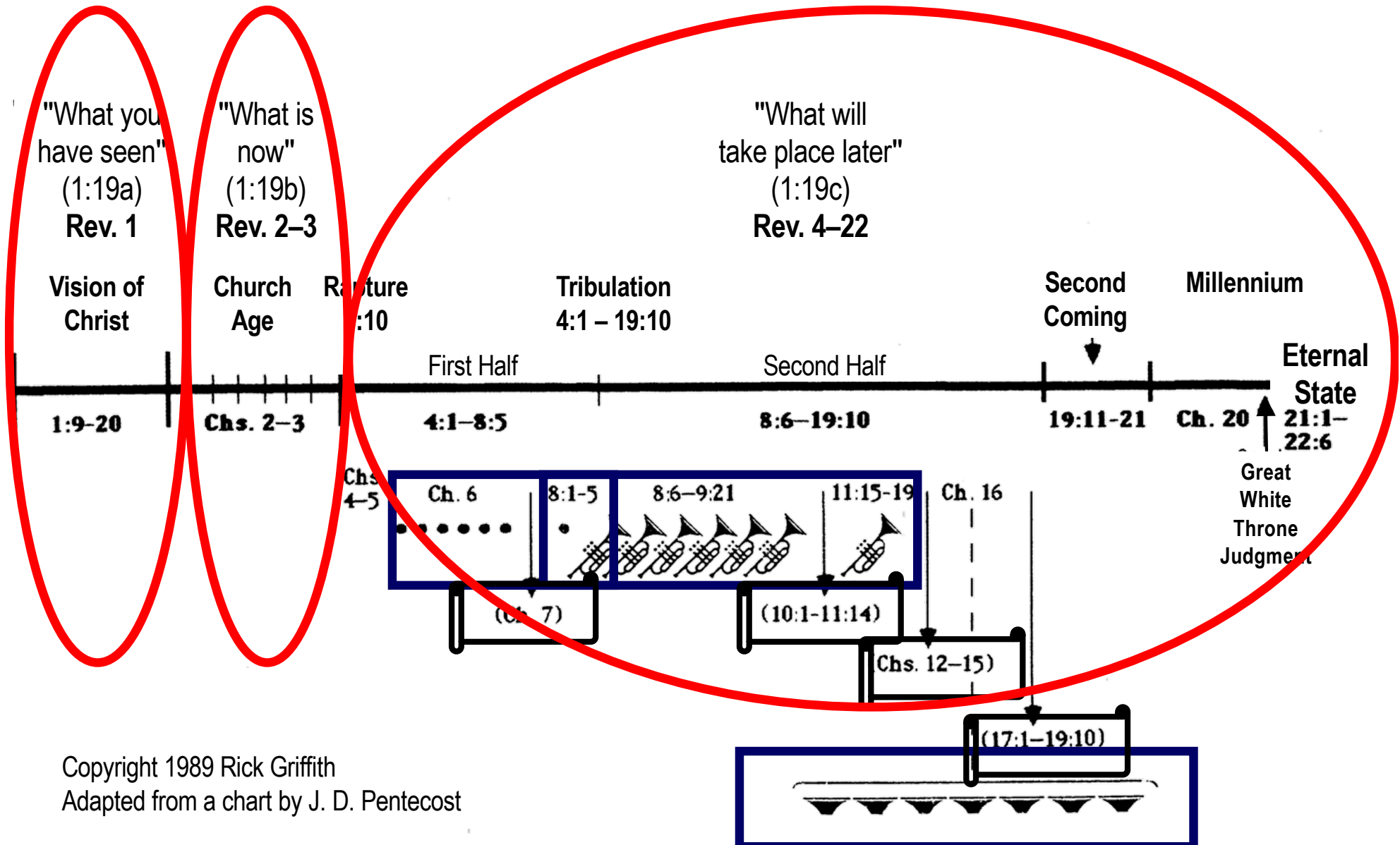
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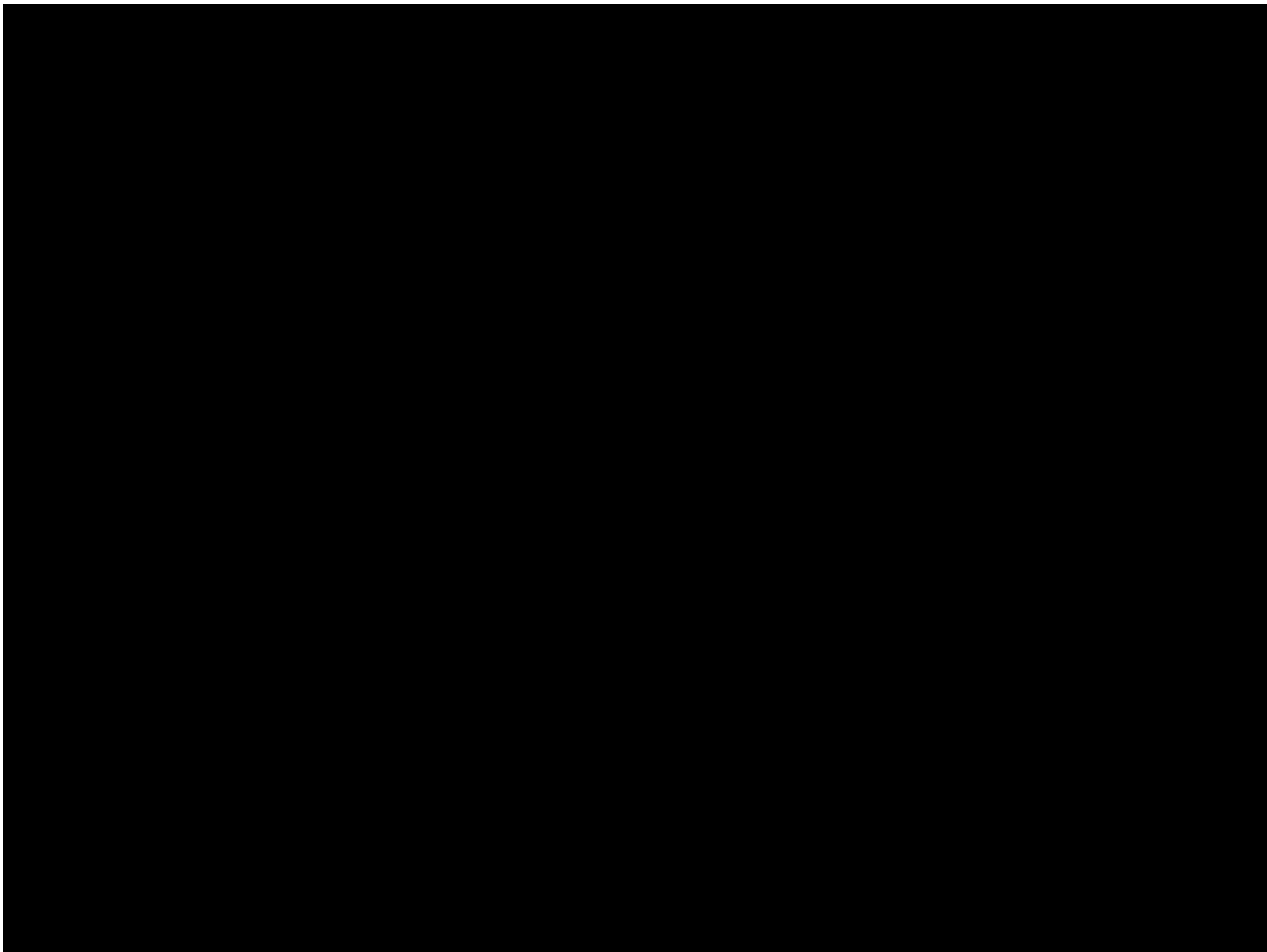




**II. Christ will
save the
believers
(Rev. 7).**

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